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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Poser For The Unofficials

SEVERAL lines of approach will be open to the Unofficial members of Legislative Council next week when they debate the White Paper on the future of Radio Hongkong, and in consequence there may not be unanimity of viewpoint. Absence of public reaction to the White Paper through the newspaper correspondence columns also leaves them somewhat in the dark as to how the community views the various proposals.

Because it is a White Paper, neither Government nor Legislative Council need feel committed at this stage to any of the recommendations. Nevertheless, the Unofficials will have to give a definite expression of opinion on one major point, namely, are present Radio Hongkong's services to its Chinese and European listeners adequate? If the answer is in the negative, the Unofficials must then carefully consider proposals for bringing about the required improvement.

The White Paper unhesitatingly reaches the conclusion that Radio Hongkong must be improved in the following directions: increased strength of transmission; longer hours of broadcasting on the Chinese transmission; more diversified programmes (again for ZEK listeners) with emphasis on topical and live shows; increased staff.

There can hardly be any serious disagreement with these recommendations, and to do so would probably exacerbate popular opinion, inarticulate though that may be. Any such broadcasting improvements, however, immediately introduce the troublesome subject of finance, and it is on this aspect of the White Paper which the Unofficials can be expected to devote much of their attention.

The White Paper, after exploring alternatives, recommends that the extra costs, estimated to be a recurrent $1,200,000, be offset by the introduction of commercially-sponsored programmes. It also throws out the suggestion that part of the annual royalty Treasury receives from Rediffusion should be allocated to Radio Hongkong. The question which exercises the mind is whether a radio station, still under government supervision, should dabble in commercially-sponsored programmes.

It might, for example, be asked: Does the training which civil servants receive fit them for running successfully a quasi-commercial enterprise? Equally speculative is whether civil servants feel themselves capable of functioning as businessmen, which certainly some of them would become if commercialism were to be superimposed on the existing structure of Radio Hongkong.

There are many pitfalls associated with the introduction of commercially-sponsored programmes over a government radio station, and it would be erroneous to believe that the dual system would automatically be a success—financially or from the point of view of improved broadcasting services.

Because the White Paper considers Radio Hongkong should, at least for the time being, remain an officially-controlled station, there is room for the view that Government should be prepared to finance its improvements and to meet its additional operating costs from the Treasury. By so doing it would retain its independence and avoid any danger of clashes and disputes with commercial interest whose patronage the station would otherwise have to seek.

STRIKE CALL IN BOMBAY

Leftist Groups Plan Big Protest

FOUR DEAD IN NEW WAVE OF RIOTING

Bombay, Jan. 17.

Bombay's left-wing parties tonight called for a general strike in the city tomorrow in protest against the new administration plan.

Representatives of the Communist, Socialist, Revolutionary Socialist, and Peasants and Workers parties formed an action committee to conduct the strike.

At a public meeting, their spokesmen declared the central government's action "amounted to a denial of the fundamental rights of the people of Bombay."

Four people were killed and 19 injured today in Belgaum, about 300 miles south-west of Bombay, when police fired on rioting mobs, according to reports reaching Bombay.

A curfew from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. has been imposed on Belgaum for three days.

A police van and a state transport bus were set on fire in the city by demonstrators who also attacked shops and hotels. They built road barricades to block traffic.

Socialist Party members tonight announced their resignations from the Bombay state legislative assembly as a protest against the exclusion of Bombay city, Belgaum and Karwar from Maharashtra.

In Bombay, buses and trams stopped running tonight as armed police patrolled the restive city in trucks.

541 ARRESTED

Police opened fire seven times, injuring at least 10 people. They arrested 10, including a number of Communists. It brought the total number arrested since Monday morning to 541.

Policemen used tear gas and threw stones to disperse crowds. Two injured policemen were treated at a hospital.

The disturbances were touched off when the Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, announced on the radio the Government's decision to divide the present State of Bombay into three parts to form the new States of Maharashtra and Gujerat. Bombay city was placed under direct control of the Central Government.

Maharashtrans, forming the biggest group of the city's population, resented the exclusion of the city from Maharashtra State.

Anticipating Communist opposition the Government took the precaution of arresting most of the Communist leaders prior to Mr Nehru's announcement.

35-DAY FAST

Mr Nehru's move touched off a political storm as the Bombay Revenue Minister, Mr B. S. Hiray, a Maharashtran Congress leader, offered to resign.

Sha Karrao Deo, a prominent Congress leader and former associate of the late Mohandas Gandhi, announced that he would begin a 35-day fast in self-purification and atonement for his failure to convince the authorities of the justice of his case for inclusion of Bombay in Maharashtra State.

Most parts of the city were not affected. The disturbances were mainly confined to the industrial northern portion, where half of Bombay's 60 textile mills and the government railway workshops were forced to close.

Several towns in Maharashtra State including Poona, were reported to have had a total business stoppage.

Students remained away from schools and colleges as a gesture of protest. — United Press.

TENGKU IN BED WITH COLD

London, Jan. 17.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, leader of the Malayan independence delegation to Britain, took to his bed this afternoon with a feverish cold.

He said: "I have got to be up tomorrow for the start of the conference. I am sure I shall be all right. That is why I am in bed now."

Earlier today the Chief Minister conferred with the members of his mission on the final details of tomorrow's conference.

Malaya could be given independence by August, 1957, if the independence talks were successful, the Tengku said earlier today at a bedside press conference.

He said Malaya sought gradual home rule in financial administration, police and military matters.

The next step would then be total independence with the Malayan Government in charge of defence and foreign affairs.

Malaya sought independence within the British Commonwealth and greater control over its own financial matters. He said Malaya was the Commonwealth's chief source of hard currency, particularly US dollars.

He said the longest delay in according home rule would come in the financial field, where a three years' wait would be necessary to set up a central Malayan bank.

The Tengku added that the talks wre expected to last about three weeks. — Reuter and France-Presse.

Strong Tremor Felt At Orleansville

Orleansville, Jan. 17.

A strong earth tremor was recorded in the Orleansville region late tonight.

First reports said there was some damage.

Orleansville (Algeria) was the scene of an earthquake disaster in 1954 in which hundreds of people were killed.—Reuter.

New Peace Plan For Algeria

Algiers, Jan. 17.

The Governor-General, M. Jacques Soustelle, flew to Paris today to seek support for his peace plan for war-torn Algeria where an estimated 150 terrorists have been killed in three days of bitter fighting between French troops and the rebel "Army of Allah."

He took off from Algiers as 200,000 French troops waged a relentless struggle to contain mounting terrorist attacks over wide stretches of Algeria.

M. Soustelle is scheduled to brief political leaders who may form or participate in the next French Cabinet. After conferring with outgoing Premier, M. Edgar Faure, he will meet the Socialist leader M. Guy Mollet and possibly the Radical Leader, M. Pierre Mendes-France.

In a working paper M. Soustelle proposed last week to give quickly to the Algerians the same rights as the French in metropolitan France. This would mean sending to the Paris National Assembly about 100 Algerian deputies.

Now Algeria has 30 deputies —half, elected by the 8,000,000 Moslems and the rest by the 1,500,000 French residents.

Unrest continued also in French Morocco. A group of terrorists, armed with submachine guns killed the director of the agricultural development office at Sidi Moussa, near Tujda, and his wife last night.

GUARDS GAGGED

The director's sister-in-law was seriously wounded, but the couple's five small children escaped unhurt.

A French relief column found the two native guards in the director's house bound and gagged. The rebels stole two rifles.—United Press.

Singapore Ban On Japanese Sand Crackers

Singapore, Jan. 18.

A Singapore customs spokesman said last night that checks were now being made on all imports from Japan to prevent sand crackers being smuggled into the Colony.

This action followed the arrest of two Japanese in Tokyo on suspicion of attempting to smuggle crackers into Singapore.

The spokesman said they had no knowledge of any local agents acting for would-be Japanese exporters of such "horror toys" and checks so far made had not revealed any attempts to smuggle in crackers.

But the customs would, he said, continue to carry out the checks, as a precaution, until after Chinese New Year.

Towards the end of last year several people in the Federation of Malaya were killed or injured by explosions of home-made sand crackers, but it was believed that these were made locally and not imported.—Reuter.

Gaol Sentences For Espionage

Helsinki, Jan. 18.

Four Finns were sentenced by a Court at Kuoplo on Tuesday to prison sentences ranging from three to six years for espionage.—France-Presse.

Malayan Prince Plans To Marry An English Girl

London, Jan. 17.

Prince Osman, grandson of the Sultan of Johore, today announced his engagement to a teen-age British secretary, not long after his first cousin married an English girl.

Prince Osman, 23, said he would marry 17-year-old Sandra Redman, a pretty brunette with shoulder-length hair. The couple revealed their wedding plans at a press conference in the South Kensington home of her parents.

"It was Prince Mahmud who started my romance by formally introducing us in November 1953, just after my 15th birthday," said Miss Redman.

Prince Osman is an agricultural engineering student. His father, Prince Ahmad, lives in London in retirement.—United Press.

DULLES' 'TOUGH' POLICIES WIN SUPPORT IN UK

London, Jan. 17.

Lord Strang, who was permanent head of the Foreign Office until 1953, declared in a broadcast tonight that "not for the first time we have to remind ourselves that Mr Dulles' policies can be wiser than his words."

He was discussing the controversial "brink of war" article in the American magazine, Life, which asserted that peace had been preserved because Mr Dulles made it understood that the United States would use atomic weapons against Chinese bases if the Communists persisted in certain politicies.

Lord Strang told British radio listeners "We claim that nuclear power is a deterrent.

"It is often asserted that wars have broken out in the past because the necessary warnings have not been given early enough or in plain enough terms.

"If it is true that the resumption of hostilities in Korea and an outbreak of hostilities over Formosa were averted, and the negotiating position of the non-Communist powers in regard to Indo-China (at the Geneva conference) was strengthened because plain and specific warnings were given, then is there not something to be said for them?"

"But, as against this, there is the reflection that, in diplomacy, if you think you have had a success it is usually best not to trumpet it abroad.

"Not for the first time we have to remind ourselves that Mr Dulles' policies can be wiser than his words."

Lord Strang also said: "What is now about these statements as the disclosure of the interpretation placed upon these general powers and intentions by the United States authorities in their application to specific cases, and of the fact that this interpretation was made known, by express design, to the Communist powers."

Lord Strang concluded that in the domestic sphere, Mr Dulles no doubt wished, in an election year, to take credit for a robust Republican foreign policy "and in the international sphere, he may have wished by emphasising that these were President Eisenhower's own decisions to counteract any misapprehension as to continuing American toughness which the President's conciliatory attitude at the 'summit' conference in Geneva last July may have created in the Soviet mind."—Reuter.

QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Washington, Jan. 17.

The explanation by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, about the embarrassingly heroic role attributed to him in an article in Life last week on how he averted three wars over Korea, Indo-China and Formosa left most of the correspondents at an all-time record press conference today with most of their questions unanswered.

But Mr Dulles succeeded in disassociating himself in grounds of over-emphasis and over-simplification from some of the more belligerent phrases used by Life to describe the success of his policy of deterring Communist aggression in the Far East by threatening to retaliate with the atomic weapons.

"INFORMAL CHAT"

In effect he also withdrew as a public expression of policy the statement directly attributed to him in the article which has caused most of the controversy over it, both in the United States and overseas. This was Mr Dulles' statement that "the ability to go to the verge of war without getting into the war is the necessary art."

Mr Dulles did not deny today that he had made this statement in an "informal chat" with Mr James Shepley, the chief of the "Life" bureau, last December.

But he said that he was not conscious at the time of the chat that he was speaking for publication and that "I would never myself have expressed myself in quite that way for publication."

Mr Dulles cut off this part of the press conference at the end of a stormy half hour of unusually blunt questioning, cross examination and demands for publication of "the facts" and insisted on passing on to other subjects.

He had already refused to answer a large number of questions on matters of fact essential to the three basic claims made in the article that Mr Dulles had "averted war" over Korea, Indo-China and Formosa.

On grounds of not wishing to comment on the views of the author of the article, he would not say, either separately or in connection with the article:

1. Whether President Eisenhower would regard an attack

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Three Killed In Air Crash

Quebec City, Jan. 17.

Two crew members and one passenger were killed early today when a twin-engine DC-3 Quebecair plane crash-landed in a snowbank in the ruined ore country of northern Quebec.

The dead included the pilot and co-pilot. Three other crew members and 18 passengers escaped unhurt.

A Royal Canadian Air Force helicopter flew to the crash scene, 180 miles north of Seven Islands, and brought out the survivors.

The helicopter crew reported that the Quebecair plane crashed at the edge of a frozen lake.—United Press.

POLICE BREAK UP STUDENTS' MARCH ON HAMMARSKJOLD

Athens, Jan. 17.

Students attempted to march on the residence of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold tonight to deliver a protest against British policy in Cyprus.

Police, however, broke up the demonstration before it reached the house where Mr Hammarskjold was staying.

Mr Hammarskjold arrived this afternoon from London for two days of discussions with the Foreign Minister Mr Spyros Theotokis on the Cyprus and also Arab-Israeli disputes.

And within hours of his arrival students, who have been among the most vocal supporters of Enosis, were marching on his residence.

No injuries were reported in the scuffle when police broke up the march. Several of the students were arrested, however.

The students told police they wanted to give Mr Hammarskjold a protest resolution they had drafted against continued British rule of Cyprus. — United Press.

JORDAN WELCOMES ARAB AID PLAN

But Wants British Assistance As Well

Amman, Jan. 17.

The Jordanian Foreign Minister, Dr Hussein Khalidi, said tonight Jordan welcomed financial aid offers made by Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria but thought a meeting of Foreign Ministers was necessary to discuss preliminary details.

Speaking at a press conference he said he hoped an understanding could be reached with the sister Arab states and that their aid offer would not affect British financial assistance to Jordan.

Dr Khalidi said he had suggested the Foreign Ministers meeting before the calling of a high level conference of the heads of state, as suggested by Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

More Details Wanted

He revealed that he had received notes from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria shortly after Mr Samir Rifai became Premier on January 9 expressing the wish to consult with Jordan on how financial aid should be given.

Dr Khalidi added that his Government had officially replied to the aid offer tonight, seeking clarification on "basic and formal matter" such as kind and amount of aid envisaged.

In Mecca a Saudi Arabian Government press department statement issued tonight said King Saud had sent a note to Jordan, calling for a meeting of the heads of state of Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to discuss Arab financial assistance for Jordan to replace British subsidies.

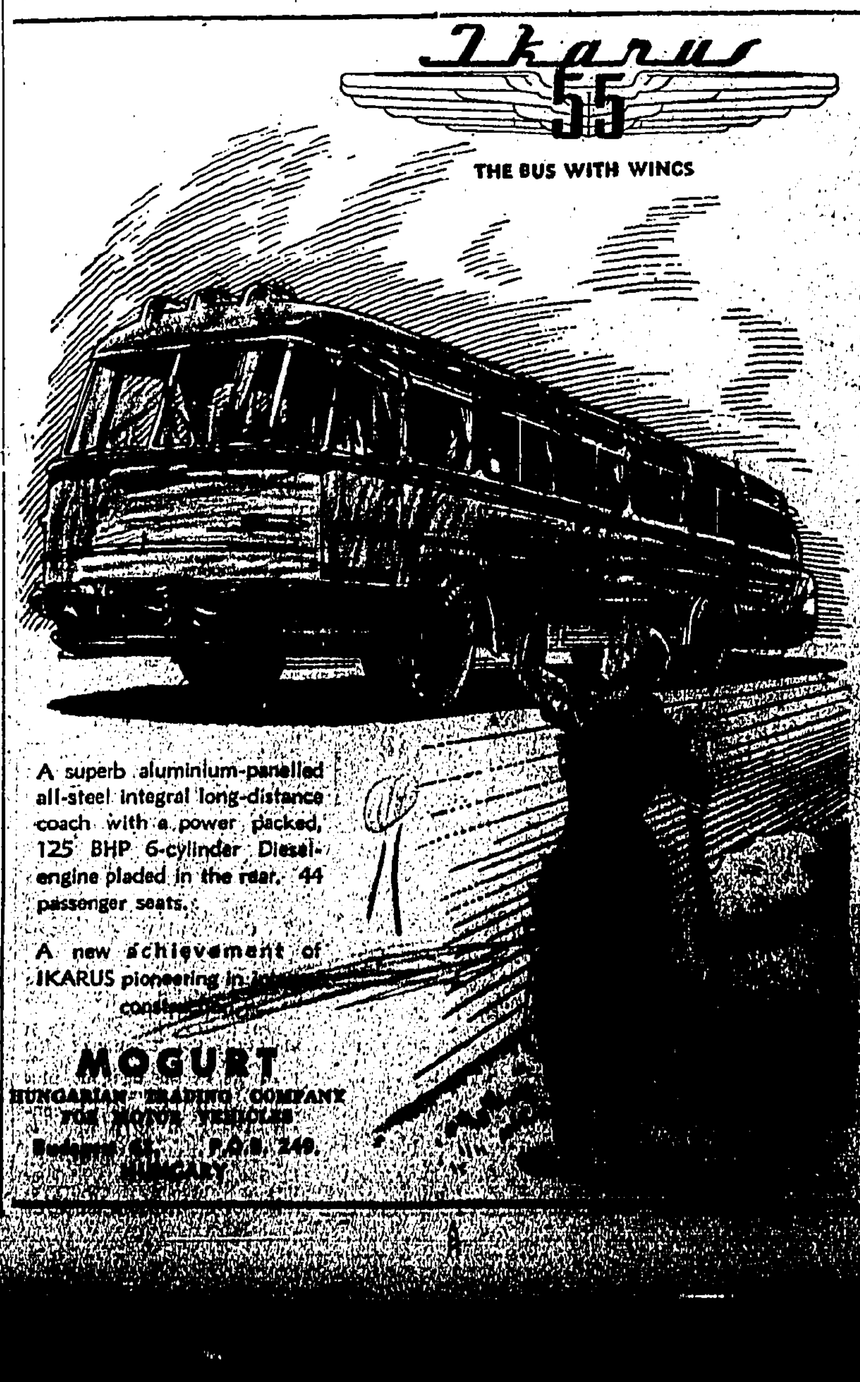
It was unofficially stated in Damascus and Cairo recently that the aid envisaged would amount to £100 million over the next 10 years.—Reuter.

Slow Progress In Geneva Talks

Geneva, Jan. 17.

The Sino-American talks in Geneva were not progressing rapidly enough, Mr Krishna Menon, Indian delegate to the United Nations, said today.

Mr Menon, who is on his way from London to New Delhi, made his statement after a brief stopover at Geneva airport during which he conferred with Mr Wang Ping-nan, Communist Chinese delegate to the talks.—France Presse.



"SNOWMAN" (WITH MILK WHITE SKIN) KILLED

Calcutta, Jan. 17.

An "abominable snowman" was reported to have been killed in the northeast region of the state of Assam, it was learned today.

Reports reaching Calcutta said a tribal hunting party searching for venison discovered and killed an "abominable snowman" on the top of a snow-covered mountain.

The "snowman" was said to be over nine feet tall and

Officials are seeking full details of the slaying and have ordered the "snowman's" body to be preserved.

The "snowman" was reported to have been killed about the

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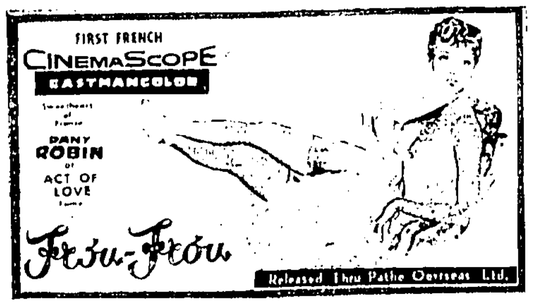

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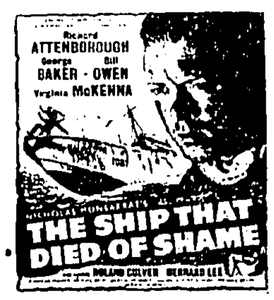

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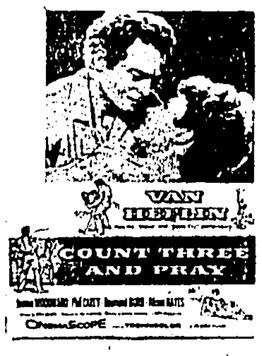

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JAPAN WARNED AGAINST LABOUR TROUBLES

Policemen stand guard outside the New Delhi Bank after bank employees throughout India had declared a two-day strike. The employees claimed that as the result of a recent bank award their allowances had been cut.—Express Photo.

Tokyo, Jan. 17.

Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu charged today that Japan's and Asia's biggest labour group probably is co-operating with international Communist forces.

He warned a Cabinet meeting that the Government must be prepared for possible serious trouble when the huge Sohyo labour organisation opens wage increase demands in March.

"Sohyo's movement," Mr Shigemitsu told the Cabinet, "may be influenced by the international Communists."

It was one of the strongest allegations to be levelled against three 3,000,000-member Sohyo (General Council of Japan Trade Unions) by a member of Japan's Conservative Government.

Government Concern

"International communism," Mr Shigemitsu said, "is manoeuvring to direct public opinion in directions favourable to the stand being taken by the Communists in Japan," and he called Sohyo a possible link between international communism and the Red movement in Japan.

Mr Shigemitsu's comment revealed the Government's concern over the massive spring labour offensive already announced by Sohyo.

Sohyo's March demands for wage increases—to be followed by strikes if its requests are refused—is expected to rival in size with Sohyo's 1947 general strike, which was considered so serious it was halted by General Douglas MacArthur.

Sohyo long has been identified as a Left-wing organisation. The labour group, roughly comparable in structure to the US American Federation of Labour (AFL), led Japanese demonstrations last year against enlargement of US military bases and the introduction into Japan of the "Honest John" rocket launcher.

Stricter Laws?

At the Cabinet meeting today Labour Minister Tadao Urauchi declared that "some crucial developments are expected" when the Sohyo spring wage offensive starts. "Consequently, not only the Labour Ministry but all other Ministries should take all possible measures to counteract Sohyo's labour offensive."

But actual steps the Cabinet may be planning were not revealed. Some political quarters speculated that the Cabinet may ask the Diet for stricter labour laws. But some observers warned that such steps might lead to the rise of extreme Rightist groups similar to the prewar government.—United Press.

'Find A Government' Starts Tomorrow

Paris, Jan. 17.

The third postwar National Assembly, elected by 26,000,000 men and women, will meet here on Thursday and one of its first tasks will be to find a government to take the place of the out-going centre-right coalition led by Premier M. Edgar Faure.

Special precautions are being taken by the permanent officials of the Assembly to prevent open clashes between the extremists.

The new Assembly contains 150 Communist deputies (as against 98 in the last legislature) and, for the first time since parliamentary democracy started in France in 1871, 52 well-organised resolute members of the Poujadist Party, led by the former free French Air Force soldier, M. Pierre Poujade.

The aim of the Poujadists, originally spokesmen for dissatisfied shopkeepers, is to "liberate Frenchmen" from the existing parliamentary system.

Middle Of Road

M. Poujade has said he does not wish to overthrow the existing system, but many of his deputies won their seats in Parliament by promising to "turn out" existing parliamentarians.

A number of left-wing papers in France, including the organ of M. Mendes-France, are calling the Poujadists "Fascists" and "anti-semitic." On the other hand the centre and right-wing papers are refraining from any clear-cut attitude towards this new force in French politics.

In between the Communists and the Poujadists are the middle-of-the-road parties divided sharply into right-wing and left-wing adversaries.

The left-wing group is made up chiefly of the Socialists who obtained 98 seats in the new Assembly and the Mendesist Radicals who obtained, according to their own claims, 58 seats. This gives the moderate left or Republican front about 156 seats, or one quarter of the whole Assembly. Nevertheless they claim the right to form the next government.

First Task

The right-wing group is made up of the out-going parties. These are the Popular Republicans (72 members), the Dissident or Edgar Faure Radicals (21 members), and the Conservatives (96 members). In addition there are 22 Social Republicans (former Gaullists) of whom not more than one-third favour M. Mendes-France.

First task of the Assembly is to verify the legality of the election of its members. When the mandates of one-half plus one of the members has been approved, the Assembly is constitutionally in a position to function.

Its first task then is to elect its Speaker (chairman). Once this has been done, the President of the Republic, M. Rene Coty, can start his consultations for the formation of the next government. The Socialist leader, M. Guy Mollet, is still the favourite candidate with the new dealer M. Pierre Mendes-France second.

There are two principal candidates for the position of Speaker. The first is the present incumbent M. Pierre Schneiter, a member of the Popular Republican Party.

The other is the one-armed Socialist, M. Andre Le Troquer. He expects to be elected with the help of Communist votes, as he was in 1953. But the Republican Front leaders, M. Mollet and M. Mendes-France, may prefer to allow their nominal political adversary, M. Schneiter, to be re-elected, in order to prepare the way for getting the Popular Republicans to vote for a Socialist Radical Premier.

Search For Government

The election of the Speaker is expected to take place on January 24 or 25. Then will come France's 22nd postwar Cabinet crisis.

Premier Edgar Faure will hand in his resignation, and the search for a new Government in an Assembly where no group has an independent majority will begin.—China Mail Special.

Lost And Found

Wellington, Jan. 17.

Mrs M. B. Fitzsimons, of Taihape, has recovered the engagement ring she lost 38 years ago and never expected to see again.

Someone dug it up in her garden at a spot where the whole family spent days searching for it in 1918.—China Mail Special.

Grandmother Goes To Sea

Melbourne, Jan. 17.

The Norwegian freighter Tiber, 9432 tons, arrived here with 60-year-old Mrs Inga Hennum, mother of six children and a grandmother of four, on board as a ship's stewardess.

Her husband, Mr Erling Hennum, aged 52, is on board also as ship's carpenter.

"It was very lonely for her in Oslo, with the children married and away from home," Mr Hennum said, and added: "It is nice having her looking after me."—China Mail Special.

Franco-Japanese Air Agreement

Tokyo, Jan. 18.

Japan announced today that it had signed with France an aviation agreement authorising this country to extend its commercial air transport service to Paris.

The agreement was signed in Paris by Japanese Ambassador Kunao Nishimura and French Foreign Ministry political affairs chief Rene Massigli.

The agreement was negotiated and initialled in Tokyo in July, 1954.

Japan Air Lines is now authorised to make scheduled flights to France, but the Japanese company does not intend to extend its flights to Europe yet.

JAL's westbound flight at present ends in Hongkong.—United Press.

Amnesty For Sports Offenders

Lisbon, Jan. 17.

The Education Minister, Senhor Francisco Leite Pinto, decreed a New Year amnesty for sportsmen, reducing any penalties inflicted against them by half.

The amnesty affects both players and clubs, penalised for such offences as rough play, assaulting referees and failing to prevent spectators from interfering while matches are in progress.—China Mail Special.

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Dulles' Statement Relieved Pressure On Eden

PRIME MINISTER'S PRESTIGE GETS BIG BOOST

By William Sexton

London, Jan. 17.

US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' "brink of war" interview shook Anglo-American relations but helped take the domestic political heat off Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, diplomatic observers said today.

Almost overnight the interview in Life magazine drastically altered the background of Sir Anthony Eden's forthcoming talks with President Eisenhower. The Prime Minister sails for the United States a week from today.

Sir Anthony may give the nation an advance view of the consultations in a major political speech tomorrow. Political sources said he considers it the most important speech he has made since succeeding Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister.

Diplomats in London believed US Far East policy suffered heavily and that Sir Anthony's prestige rose because of the Dulles statements. First British reaction was heated, and one editor called the Dulles "brink" strategy a "dance of death."

Timing Puzzle

The interview's timing, so close to the Washington mission, puzzled officials in London and most expressed belief it was aimed at the domestic American political situation.

But whatever the motive, Sir Anthony appeared to have come out of the trans-Atlantic difference of opinion with heightened strength. One week the big Daily Mirror published a banner headline proclaiming: "Eden Is A Flop." The next week, after the Dulles interview, it said:

"Thank God the advice that was followed was Eden's advice, and not the bomb-brandishing of Dulles."

"For the past month," it said in an editorial, "the Mirror has been attacking Sir Anthony Eden for his fumblings on the home front . . . but today the Mirror salutes Eden . . . the whole world has been shocked by the outrageous statements made by Mr John Foster Dulles. . . ."

The Conservative Daily Telegraph came out today in startling defence of Mr Dulles in an editorial that might enhance the Prime Minister's popularity more while easing the red hot criticism of Mr Dulles.

Cardinal Fact

The Telegraph said the anger and regret aroused by Mr Dulles' statements "has disguised one cardinal fact: that in substance the main offending passage simply reiterated the West's generally accepted deterrent policy . . . that the West, by holding itself free to launch nuclear war if and when its vital interests are challenged, hoped to deter potential enemies from further aggression."

"If the deterrent policy is not a complete sham," it said, "it therefore stands to reason that the United States was, as Mr Dulles affirmed, brought to the brink of war" last crises over Korea, Formosa and Indo-China.

It compared Mr Dulles' "sabre rattling" with what Sir Winston Churchill urged on the Mr Neville Chamberlain Government before World War II but said the difference is that "Mr Dulles has a real sabre to rattle whereas Mr Chamberlain's scabbard was empty."

Fighting Offensive

Until the Dulles interview was published, the Prime Minister had been fighting both a new offensive from the Labour Party and a unique undercover rebellion among elements in his own Conservative Party. The attacks were based on his handling of British policy in the Middle East and economic inflation at home.—United Press.

Sydney, Jan. 17.

Church groups here, with the support of brewery interests, have declared war on poker machines — mechanised gambling devices — from which they claim New South Wales clubs are making at least £A1,250,000 yearly.

The State Government will be asked to ban them.

Brewery interests are reported to support the moves because, in their role of hotel owners, they regard the increasing popularity of private clubs as a threat to their business.—China Mail Special.

Popular Front To Contest Greek Elections

Athens, Jan. 17.

Greek centre and left wing parties announced tonight they had formed a "popular front" to contest the general elections to be held on February 19.

The front will oppose the National Radical Union, the main conservative grouping led by the Prime Minister Mr Constantine Karamanlis.

Mr Karamanlis became Premier last year on the death of Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, who had ruled through the "Greek Rock" which commanded overwhelming parliamentary majority.

Mr Karamanlis declared, however, the Greek Rock would not survive the Field Marshal who had "connected it" and decided to solidify each section.

There will be separate lists of new candidates for the Government party, which put Greece at the party system.—Reuter.

Rear-Admirals Appointed

London, Jan. 17.

Among the six Royal Naval officers who have just been promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral are Commodore Charles Evans, commander of the light fleet-carrier Ocean in Korean waters from June 1951 to December 1952 and Captain A. C. C. Miers VC DSO (and Bar).

Rear-Admiral Evans, one of the most famous Fleet Air Arm pilots of World War Two, won the DSC and DSO for flying operations.

He commanded 806 Squadron when it attacked shipping and oil installations in Bergen, and, later in the Eastern Mediterranean, when it provided fighter patrols for operations against Leros and the mainland of Greece and cover for the crippling Fleet Air Arm attack on Taranto.

He received the CBE for his Korean service, and is now Commodore of the RN Barracks at Portsmouth.

Rear-Admiral Miers, a submarine specialist, won his three decorations while in command of HM Submarine Torbay in 1941.

He was on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, US Pacific Fleet, in 1943-44, and recently commanded HMS Theseus in the Home Fleet Training Squadron.

BULGANIN MISSES MEETING

London, Jan. 17.

All members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet except Marshal Nikolai Bulganin the Prime Minister, attended a meeting in Moscow tonight of the Republic's Communist Party, Moscow radio reported.

Full-scale provincial party congresses were held today at Kiev (Ukraine), Tallin (Estonia) and Riga (Latvia), the radio added.

Marshal Bulganin was a notable absentee from official functions at the end of last week.—Reuter.

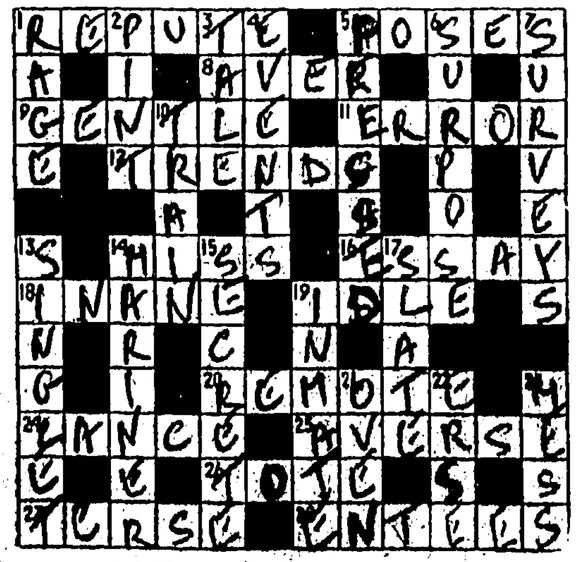
Ike's Adviser Going To Turkey

Washington, Jan. 17.

The State Department announced today that Mr Clarence Randall, one of President Eisenhower's chief advisers on foreign and economic problems, was going to Turkey late this month.

Mr Randall will discuss further development of economic relations between the United States and Turkey, the announcement said. The visit was arranged at the joint request of the United States and Turkey.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

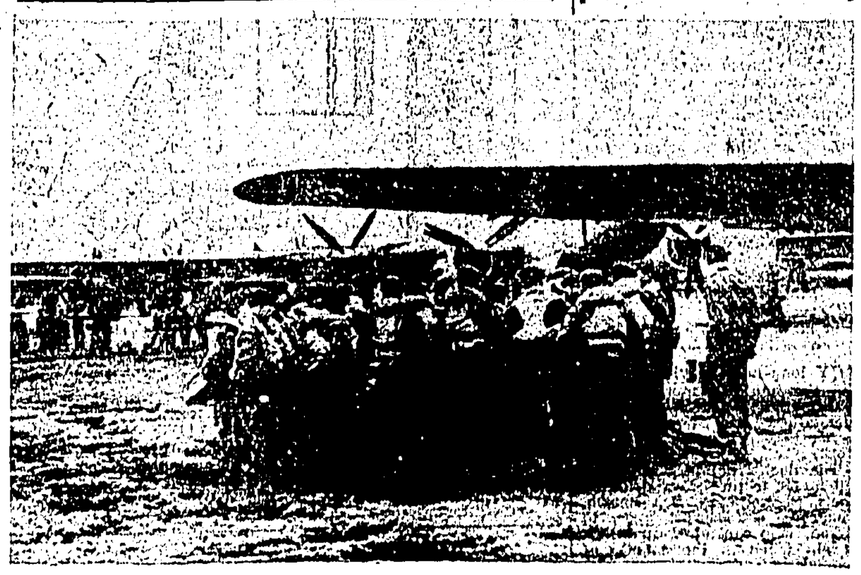
1 Fame (6).
5 Attitudes (5).
8 Assert (4).
9 Mild (6).
11 Mistake (5).
12 Tendencies (6).
14 Fail to hit (4).
16 Attempt (5).
18 Foolish (5).
19 Lazy (4).
20 Distant (6).
24 Weapon (5).
25 Disinclined (6).
26 Betting device (colloq) (4).
27 Concise (5).
28 Records (6).

DOWN

1 Anger (4).
2 Liquid measure (4).
3 Narrative (4).
4 Happenings (6).
5 Urged (7).
6 Conjecture (7).
7 Inspects (7).
10 Retinue (5).
13 Vest (7).
14 Sailor (7).
15 Hide (7).
17 Roofing-material (5).
19 Resident (6).
21 Cooker (4).
22 Language (4).
23 Disorder (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Rites, 4 Tribes, 8 Cellar, 10 Error, 12 Tendor, 14 Replete, 17 Sent, 19 Retinue, 20 Related, 22 Arid, 23 Altered, 27 Sutler, 29 Nitre, 30 Sailor, 31 Denude, 32 Style. Down: 1 Recur, 2 Tulip, 3 State, 5 Tuned, 6 Barren, 7 Sprite, 9 Retreat, 11 Reside, 13 Needles, 15 Ever, 16 Leader, 18 Node, 20 Reined, 21 Listen, 24 Trend, 25 Rally, 26 Dirge, 28 Tend.

'Red Devils' Prepare



The first batch of the 1,200 paratroopers that Britain is sending to Cyprus to bolster her forces in the troubled Middle East are shown getting ready to embark at Blackbush Airport. The skymen are being sent out from the 1st and 3rd Parachute Battalions, and the transfer has been described officially as a "precautionary measure."—Express Photo.

Not So Close To The Brink

Washington, Jan. 17.

MR Charles Wilson, the Secretary of Defence, said today he did not think the United States had come quite so close to the brink of war in Korea, Indo-China and Formosa as had been suggested by some interpretations of the article in Life magazine of an interview with Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.

Mr Wilson was asked at his press conference today whether the Defence Department was notified "that we were on the brink of war."

His initial reply was that Mr Dulles' statement this morning had "cleared up the matter."

The expression "brink of war" was a catch phrase. "I think you must define what you mean by it. I never thought we were quite that close," Mr Wilson said.

Suicidal Folly

At St Paul, Minnesota, Mr Adlai Stevenson said that President Eisenhower should repudiate the "brink of war" statement or dismiss the Secretary of State. Mr Stevenson called Mr Dulles' action "suicidal folly."

He said at a press conference "I need hardly point out that for this nation to walk to the verge of war three times in three years while drastically reducing our military defences for domestic political advantage can only be counted suicidal folly."

Mr Stevenson added that it was plain that United States defence and foreign policies should be submitted to the most searching scrutiny, and added:

"Sabre rattling, threats of atomic war and disregard of our allies will not reduce tensions, make friends or inspire confidence in the United States. And they tend to confirm the propaganda that America is a greater danger to peace than Russia."—Reuter.

'LITTLE EUROPE' COINS EURATOM

Paris, Jan. 17.

Leading politicians and trade unionists from the six "little Europe" countries are in agreement that "Euratom," the projected European atomic energy authority, should be a supranational body open to all European countries that wish to join.

This was stated by a spokesman of M. Jean Monnet's "Action Committee for a United States of Europe" which held its inaugural meeting here today. M. Monnet, renowned for his leadership in European integration schemes, called the meeting on his own initiative.

He will ask delegates who are members of their countries parliaments to begin parliamentary action aimed at the conclusion of a "Euratom" treaty, similar to that which set up the six-nation European Coal and Steel Community, of which M. Monnet was the first President.

The six "little Europe" nations are France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Main Question

A committee spokesman said that during the morning's three-hour session speeches centred around the question whether atomic energy should be developed for purely peaceful purposes and, if so, should effective control machinery be set up?

He said that speakers agreed that effective control of the use of atomic energy was necessary. Some delegates raised the question whether this necessarily meant ownership by "Euratom" of all nuclear installations.

Sources close to the committee said M. Monnet's own view is that effective control implies pools ownership of raw material such as uranium, but does not affect the question of public or private ownership of industrial installations using nuclear energy.

The meeting is expected to study the question of supplies of raw (unenriched) uranium, the same sources said.

One proposal expected to be made is that the projected European atomic authority should have exclusive rights for purchasing all raw uranium produced by member nations and all uranium imported into "little Europe."—Reuter.

EMPHASIS ON HEAVY INDUSTRY

Washington, Jan. 17.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, told his press conference today the Soviet Union's proposed new five-year plan seemed to emphasise heavy industry at the expense of consumer goods.

Replying to a question, he added that the trend to consumer goods during the temporary premiership of Georgi Malenkov had now been submerged with emphasis on heavy industry.

This did not necessarily mean exclusively a war industry but undoubtedly it was very largely the building up of war industry.—Reuter.

Indonesian Minister In UK

Dr Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung, Indonesia's Foreign Minister, pictured after his arrival at London Airport. He paid a courtesy visit at the invitation of the British Government. Among those he met were Prime Minister, Eden, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, and Mr Anthony Nutting, Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Reading.—Express Photo.

'Porgy & Bess' Wedding In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 17.

Two members of the cast of George Gershwin's operetta "Porgy and Bess" were married today in Moscow's only Baptist church, while an overflow crowd of more than 2,000 watched the ceremony.

Helen Thingpen and Earl Johnson were married by Alexi Karpov, who has been the Moscow Baptist Church's pastor for the last three years.

In the congregation were members of the diplomatic corps as well as members of the "Porgy and Bess" company. A choir of 150 voices sang Baptist hymns.

The newly-weds received two wedding cups which are traditional Russian gifts from the youth of the congregation.

The proceedings and the blessing were translated by an Intourist interpreter who shared the rostrum with the pastor and the bride.—France-Presse.

Israeli Delegate Attacks Security Council

New York, Jan. 17.

Syria today urged the Security Council to recommend United Nations members to stop giving economic aid to Israel.

Israel immediately replied that this amounted to asking the world organisation to "emulate the same hostility that the Arab states show in their relations to Israel."

Mr Ahmed Shukairy of Syria and Mr Abba Eban of Israel both spoke in the Council's resumed debate over the Israeli attack last month on Syrian forces on the shores of Lake Tiberias which cost 50 Syrian and 6 Israeli lives.

The Council adjourned until tomorrow without voting on either of the two resolutions before it.

Objection

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain introduced an amendment to the earlier draft resolution submitted by his country, France and the United States.

This took account of Iranian objections last week to the mention of Syrian "interference" with Israeli shipping. The Iranian delegate, Dr Djala Abdoh, had said that the effect of this was to equate Syrian "interference" with the Israeli attack.

Sir Pierson insisted that he and the French and American delegates had made it clear they believed the Israeli attack was completely unjustified. The revised resolution added a paragraph saying "that this interference in no way justifies the Israeli action."

In his plea for an end of economic aid to Israel, Mr Shukairy addressed himself particularly to the United States, chief source of foreign capital to the Jewish state.

US Friendship

He said the United States could not condemn Israel and continue to aid her. Such a situation was "unfriendly and intolerable."

Noting President Eisenhower's expression of American friendship for all the peoples of the Middle East, Mr Shukairy declared: "It seems that our friendship has reached a stage it needs to be restored rather than maintained."

Mr Eban, replying to Mr Shukairy's hour-long speech, said the delegate had shown "scorn" for Sir Pierson Dixon, "contemptuous criticism" for M. Herve Alphand of France, and had given "helpful advice" to Mr Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States about how Washington should apply its economic agreements with another country.

Borne In Mind

Mr Shukairy had "set himself up as a one-man world government who was competent in his view to describe agreements between Israel and the United States as intolerable."

"I am sure this view will be borne in mind by all governments which enter into agreements with other governments without first receiving clearance from Damascus," he said.

Mr Eban, who also spoke for about an hour, reiterated the Israeli position of setting the December 11 clash against the background of Arab hostility towards her.

He claimed that Israel was at an "inequitable disadvantage in the Security Council where "the only alternatives, whatever the merits of the case, are a verdict for the Arabs or no verdict at all."

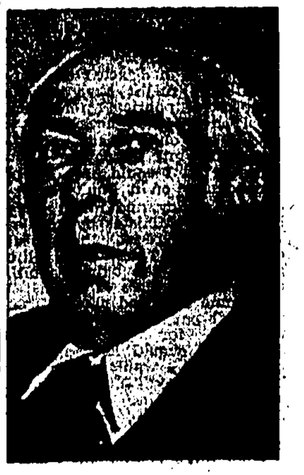
Here Dr Victor Andres Belaunde of Peru, the President, interrupted him to comment on the gravity of this statement. Mr Eban rejoined that he had weighed his words correctly.

They accurately described the position brought about by the Soviet veto of resolutions whenever they seemed to give indulgence to the Israeli case, Mr Eban said.

No Machinery

On the issue of compensation which the Soviet Union wants the Council to call for and the Western Big Three accept in principle though they say there is no suitable machinery for an equitable assessment, Mr Eban said more Israelis than Arabs had lost their lives through armistice violations.

He added that Israel and Syria had every opportunity of directly exchanging views and reaching agreements on specific claims.—Reuter.



Theodor Heuss

West German President Snubbed

NO INVITATION TO ARMY PARADE

Bonn, Jan. 17.

THE West German President, Professor Theodor Heuss, and the Parliament today decided to stay away from the first parade of the new West German Army next Friday because they feel they have been snubbed by the Defence Minister, Herr Heodor Blank.

The parade, held at Andernach, where the first training company is stationed, will be taken by the Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

The Council of Elders of the Bundestag (lower house) decided today "not to take cognisance" of the parade because Herr Blank has failed to invite Professor Heuss and the President of the Bundestag, Herr Eugen Gerstenmaier, or other representatives of Parliament.

Apologised

Parliamentary sources said Herr Blank had apologised to Parliament, saying that he thought that the parade was "purely a matter of the Government executive," to which the President and Parliament need not be invited.

Herr Blank had coupled with his apology a belated invitation to Parliament to send a delegation to Andernach, but Parliament had been so irritated that the Council of Elders had seen fit to decline.—Reuter.

Research On 'Tailored' Children

Melbourne, Jan. 17.

Melbourne University scientists are carrying out research that may eventually allow them to "tailor" children's growth.

They are measuring the rate of growth of a group of children whom they will follow from the age of two to about 18 to study what affects a child's growth and how the child's frame develops.

One of the investigators, Dr Alec Roche, said here: "In some cases it may be possible for an undersized boy's growth to be encouraged, and an oversized girl's to be restricted."—China Mail Special.

Nathaniel Gubbins

REGRETS for what might have been are common to us all. The lives of most of us are overshadowed by memories of missed opportunities.

These solemn platitudes occurred to me when I read of two opportunities that were not missed, one by M. Pierre Poujade, who won 51 seats in the French elections, and the other by the boys who have been selling second-hand military equipment.

M. Poujade was favoured by a glimpse of the obvious. He observed that nobody likes paying taxes. I have also noticed this but whereas I did nothing about it M. Poujade cashed in on the idea and has become a powerful political force in France.

If only I had acted on my intuition I might have become a powerful political force too. As I have also noticed that people not only object to paying taxes but to paying anything at all I could have swept the country on a Don't-Pay-A-Sausage policy and might have been Prime Minister by now.

Who could resist the appeal of not paying rates, taxes, the grocer's bill, the butcher's bill, or even for a glass of beer?

If some fool had shouted: "If we don't pay taxes who's going to pay for our hydrogen bombs?" I would have shouted back: "Who wants hydrogen bombs, anyway?" You would be surprised at the number of people who don't.

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Then there is this smart selling of out-of-date tanks and mobile guns.

Until I read about the deal it never occurred to me that I might have sold to the Egyptians some of my Home Guard relics.

Stored away in the attic there is a uniform, part worn, suitable for a soldier with a bit of a tummy. There is also an old webbing rifle-sling, good for years, as they never wear out, a button stick (if they still polish buttons), a cap badge, a roll of four-by-two, and a pull-through for cleaning their rifles, and a tin of dubbin for keeping their boots flexible.

For a fee I could have told them how to remove the dubbin when boots have to be polished bright as mirrors for an inspection by top brass.

As I have had years of experience of this lark in the real Army my advice would have been worth a lot of money.

If Nasser is interested the offer is still open.

Lovely women

TO me the news that women are going to wear hats made of plaited mink tails is much more disturbing than the news that the followers of M. Poujade carry rubber truncheons like the followers of Hitler.

M. Poujade, who "strips off his clothes as he gets worked up over a speech" may turn out to be just another funny uncle, but if this latest fashion means that women will return to the period when they decorated themselves with dead animals and birds, there are going to be a lot of unfunny aunties about.

One of my earliest unhappy memories of Edwardian times was a large, fierce woman with a dead fox round her neck. Across her ample bosom, known then as "the dress circle," the fox gripped its tail in sharp, white teeth, its red glass eyes glaring at a frightened little boy.

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Other women who gave the five-year-old Gubbins nightmares wore whole pheasants in their hats, or had dead paws hanging from their shoulders.

Sometimes their hair, piled high and stiff to take the strain, was heavy with small stuffed birds. They wore death as an ornament and even the bunch of violets pinned to the dress circle never overcame the musty stench of fur and feathers, which made their embraces unforgettable.

Since then they have given up wearing whole animals and birds and settled for bits of skin sewn together and parts of birds, such as a brilliant burnished wing on a hat. Later on, searching the animal world for unusual adornments, they turned to insects and fish.

Preserved butterflies were encased in jewels, and trinkets made out of bones from Billingsgate.

But as women frequently look backwards when seeking something new I am scared that the nightmares of my youth may be revived. The mink-tail hat may soon become a hat made of a whole mink.

There may come a time when daring girls will become almost edible, calves' feet and pigs' trotters hanging from their shoulders instead of dead paws, and a stuffed cod fish wrapped round their necks instead of a fox.

Lovely woman, grave and kind,
Often turns her gentle mind
When thinking what would best adorn her
Not to flora but to fauna,
Not for her the scented rose
In her hair, about her clothes
She decks herself with bird and beast,
With little creatures long deceased,
No wonder when the poet sings
He likens her to flowers and things.

How they did it

MY long-held conviction that the world's most creative and imaginative men were never teetotallers has been confirmed by Dr Edward Podolsky, of New York.

The doctor points a triumphant finger to the heavy drinking poets, Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Chaucer, and Burns; and to Byron, who consumed quantities of gin when in the agonies of composition.

I could add that, even if the busybodies prove that Shakespeare didn't write Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe was a bit of a toss-pot too.

Other literary tipplers mentioned by Dr Podolsky (who has omitted moderns like Dylan Thomas) were Oscar Wilde, Oliver Goldsmith, Charles Lamb, Alexander Pope, Dryden, Swift, Steele, and Edgar Allan Poe, the "most imaginative of all writers" who, as an elbow lifter, was in a class by himself.

Swinburne and John "Beggar's Opera" Gay both lost their talent when they went on the water-wagon.

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So far as I am concerned the most interesting part of the doctor's analysis of the drinker-writer mentality is the bit about the essayist Addison, who "kept a bottle of wine at each end of a long room which he paced a while thinking up his most polished phrases and patronising each bottle alternately."

Maybe I'll try this one day and see if I can promote myself from scribbler to polished writer.

But I would like to warn all young men who want to "write" that going on a bender won't automatically turn them into poets.

I mean if you can't "write" you just can't "write." Drunk or sober, I mean.

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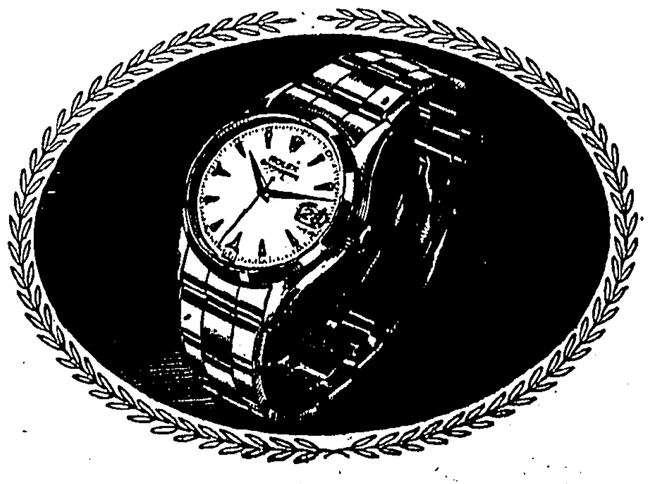

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HE DESERVES A FAIR BREAK

HANDS OFF EDEN!

By Douglas Clark

SELDOM, if ever, can a British Prime Minister have had as rough treatment from the Press as that which Sir Anthony Eden now receives.

He has been Prime Minister scarcely nine months. His accession to the principal political job that Britain has to offer was almost everywhere acclaimed. Yet now he is being subjected to the most virulent abuse and attack.

Why? What has gone sour? Is Sir Anthony to blame? Or is the attack to which he is being subjected as unfair as it is merciless?

In the first instance it is necessary to note precisely from which quarters the attacks come.

Many of them, of course, come from the newspapers of the Left-wing. That is natural. No exception can be taken to it. It is the duty of the Socialist newspapers to do everything in their power to get a Socialist Government back into office.

No one need expect them to be fair to a Tory Prime Minister. They were cruel, savage, and utterly unfair to Sir Winston Churchill.

It would be surprising if they were any less savage to his successor. The more trouble they can cause in the Tory Party the happier they will be.

But it is not only the Left-wing Press which now assails Sir Anthony.

Some members of the Right-wing Press are also at his heels. And leading them all is the Daily Telegraph.

This is indeed surprising. For in the past the Daily Telegraph has scarcely been noted for its independence. Of all the Tory newspapers it has been far and away the most subservient. Its leader columns might have been written by the Tory Central Office.

But now the Pekinese turns round and barks like a bulldog.

MYSTIFYING

Of course the Socialists argue that when even the Daily Telegraph turns against the Prime Minister then it proves beyond doubt that the charges against him of incompetence must have solid substance.

But does it?

It is said that since the death of the first Lord Camrose, a strong personality in helping to mould Telegraph policy has been Lady Pamela Berry—the wife of its editor-in-chief. Does the clue to the change then lie in her influence?

If questions like this are asked at all, it is only because of the utterly mystifying nature of the attack, and the complete lack of proper ground on which to base criticism of the Prime Minister.

Examine the major complaints which are laid against Sir Anthony in the Telegraph and in those other papers which, following the Telegraph's example, are bleating about his alleged failures.

It is said, for instance, that he took six months to reshuffle the Government.

FOOLISH

What was so wrong about that? It is a foolish complaint.

Had Sir Anthony succeeded to a bankrupt Administration the critics would have a valid case.

But the team which he inherited from Churchill had so brilliantly proved its ability in office that the voters had just given it a resounding vote of confidence in the General Election.

Is Sir Anthony to be condemned then for retaining the services of Lord Woolton, the leading organiser of Tory victory at the polls, as long as he possibly could?

Was he wrong to keep Sir Walter Monckton, a magnificent Minister of Labour, in that post for a further period?

Indeed, if Sir Anthony had been really weak, as his critics claim, is it not far more likely that he would have tried to exert his authority and prove himself boss by making widespread changes just for the sake of change the very moment he took up office?

Whatever the legitimate complaints against Sir Anthony, this then is not one of them.

The next complaint levelled against the Prime Minister is that due to his dolly the Middle East has been supplied under the counter with surplus British war supplies.

The Great Tank Scandal, it has been called. And the picture has been conjured up of the British Prime Minister standing feebly by while profiteers rush arms to the Middle East.

But what is the truth? The truth is that the vast majority of British surplus war material which went to the Middle East did so in the days of a Socialist Government.

Is Sir Anthony Eden to be blamed for the actions of a Socialist Government of which Mr Hugh Gaitskell was Chancellor of the Exchequer? The idea is grotesque.

Perhaps the most common charge made against the Prime Minister is that he continues to devote a disproportionate amount of his attention to foreign affairs.

TRIUMPHS

It is said that he spends much time "looking over the shoulder" of his Foreign Secretaries. But is that such a terrible crime?

Let me remind the wailers of Sir Anthony's record.

He was Britain's Foreign Secretary for more than ten years. In the whole Western world there is no other statesman whose experience, knowledge, and prestige in the international field remotely approach Sir Anthony's.

And in his final year at the Foreign Office he capped his career there with a series of coups which were hailed as triumphs then by the very people who assail him now.

He brought the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute to a conclusion.

He was largely responsible for the Trieste settlement.

And when Mr John Foster Dulles walked out of the Geneva Conference on Indo-China, Sir Anthony's skill and unremitting patience secured a "cease-fire" which may well have averted a catastrophic war.

CONFIDENCE

This is the man of whom it is now complained that he continues to interest himself in foreign problems.

I pray that he always will. And so does every humble British family.

For nothing could do more to ensure the safety of the nation. Nothing could give ordinary folk greater confidence and hope in the future than the knowledge that Sir Anthony still keeps a wise and steady eye on the foreign scene.

Of course too the suggestion that the Prime Minister's attention is trained abroad implies that he is allowing things to deteriorate at home.

The suggestion is that Sir Anthony has failed on the domestic front.

What is the evidence to support this ludicrous proposition?

Is it seriously argued that Sir Anthony is responsible for the rise in the cost of Britain's imports?

Of course it is not.

Now look at the rest of the picture! Full employment continues. Is that evidence of failure?

Exports reach record levels. Is that evidence of failure?

The economy is buoyant, industrial order books are overflowing. Are these signs that Sir Anthony has failed?

LUSHEST

And we have just enjoyed a Christmas season free of strike threats and incomparably the lushest since before the war. Another proof that "Eden is a must."

Certainly Sir Anthony has made mistakes. There have been occasions in his career, as in that of any political leader, when the newspapers have criticised him most properly. There may be occasions in the future when he will deserve criticism again.

But that his performance during nine short months at No. 10, Downing Street should provoke such a monstrous barrage of abuse is utterly unfair.

I say—Hands off Eden! As Premier he follows Sir Winston Churchill, who will certainly rank as one of the greatest Prime Ministers Britain has ever had. What a task for him to take on the job from a figure of such tremendous stature.

At present what Sir Anthony needs as he familiarises himself with his huge new responsibilities, are understanding and encouragement.

He can expect neither from his enemies. But dead he be denied them by those who are supposed to be his friends?

A French film producer puts politics aside to discuss his favourite subject

LOVE IS ON THE WAY OUT, SAYS RENE CLAIR

By ALAN BRIEN

RENE CLAIR is a handsome, bright-eyed little Frenchman with the face of a cynical but kindly tortoise. His teeth are usually flashing in a gay smile. When I called at his hotel to see him, a cloud of gloom almost as tangible as a smog bank seemed to hover above his well-groomed head.

The man who has made millions laugh with his charming and stylish comedies was grimly reading the news from France.

He let the newspaper flutter from his hand. He drew his neck down into his collar, raised his pencil-thin eyebrows into two circumflex accents, and spread out his arms in a monumental actor's shrug.

"No wonder the world does not understand our politics," he said. "Do you know what have been the main issues in this election? Should the State support religious schools. And should the peasant have the right to brew 10 litres of applejack without a licence from the fruit in his orchard. These should be the topics which split a nation in the time of the hydrogen bomb?"

Soon the Poujadistes and the Communists were forgotten. We turned to a subject upon whose importance M. Poujade, M. Thorez and M. Clair would all agree—love.

Apparently, even love is not as popular in France as it used to be. Fifty-seven years old and happily married, Rene Clair seemed to doubt whether this traditional Gallic pastime would last out his life-time.

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"When I was 17 I had a little bachelor's attic up near the roof. Here I could allow myself a love life. But today no young people can afford such a thing. The authorities will not permit it. No. The rooms will be taken over for old people, or couples with large families."

I suggested that the evenings were warmer in France and less rainy. Surely no French boy with red wine in his veins would be put off by the lack of a roof over his courting?

"My friend. You forget the French love of comfort. The young man would not mind. But his lover would usually be a woman of 35. Often a married woman—I'm sorry to say." And he smiled apologetically out of polite deference to my English puritanism. "She would not like to be loved out of doors."

M. Clair went on to complain of the dull domestic ambitions of his own son.

"Here he is, 29, and a successful fashion photographer. Often he is sent off to some remote country house for days with three beautiful mannequins. 'My boy,' I say, 'what I would not give for your opportunities. Make the most of them. Instead he is happily married and regards this delightful occupation simply as a job.

"Mind you, I speak with these regrets of the decline of love, not of sex. Sex, well, it can be solved like that." And he clicked his finger and thumb. "But love is something that neither the Anglo-Saxons nor the Russians appear to understand today."

When I visited Moscow recently and talked to film directors there I detected some wistful hankerings after romantic love. One complained to me that it was impossible to be in love with girls who wore boiler suits and iron prizes for riveting.

I have worked in Hollywood, too. The Americans are turning to sex worship simply because they are afraid of love. While the British have only made one love film ever, Brief Encounter. Where are your love plays to equal the French?

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"Antony and Cleopatra? Pooh! That is about politics. Romeo and Juliet? It is about trouble with in-laws."

I pointed out that the British who believe with Shakespeare that love is inseparable from politics and in-laws, nevertheless had shown a strong appetite for M. Clair's films of love, impure and simple.

I pointed out that his latest film had already taken more than £140,000 at the box office in Paris in ten weeks—almost as much as the film had cost to make.

Slightly more assured about the pulling-power of love, Rene Clair returned slightly less grimly to the news from France.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

PRINTED information about a fly-paper which "will catch bigger creatures than flies" may frighten the timid. Imagine finding an elephant stuck to the paper. But that, of course, is an extreme case, and an exaggeration of what might occur.

Not long ago cardboard cows tails were fixed to the facade of the National Gallery. They swished to and fro, operating like electric fans. It was hoped to drive the starlings away but nothing happened. The starlings refused to behave like flies, and I do not blame them.

Retrenchment

IMMEDIATELY after reading a complaint about the ways in which councils throw their money about, I read of a man who was offered £1 in compensation for property which was seized by Edmonton Council. "The property was valued at £8,000 10 years ago." It looks as though one council, at any rate, is cutting down its expenditure pretty drastically.

Thank you, little ones

Beechcomber, sir, hus three can wish you a hoppy new ear. Hour massage comes late, for we hare still rehorsing. Kazbulah kist the large hinormus gurt hunder the mossellow. Wot a pritty site, and wot a counterbushun to hinternashunul gudwill. Yore leeflit herbert the Nw spelling society arent no use for hus three. The hold speling is gud ernuf for three pore Pershuns straggling to make a liffing in the seasaw. Well sir, hoppy new ear, may yore shadow never grow more small, hand if you plerze go hon giving hus pobloosity in yore epelling jornal of the arts . . .

Oh, I say, look here!

REFERRING to the coming visit of the heavenly twins to Britain, a peer is reported in my paper to have said "In a country where cricket has never been taught we cannot expect them to play cricket according to the rules." I couldn't have put it worse myself, and I am not sure whether it is my tears or my laughter that I am stifling.

Twenty Years of Uproar

The orchestra responded willingly.
(Music critic.)

SO often they refuse to be drawn, or only begin to play after a long argument. A wave of the baton, beckoning the violins to come in, sometimes results in a shout of "No! Not that! Anything but that!" And sometimes the musicians consent surlily to play, but shrug their shoulders and raise their eyebrows as though to say "All this fuss!"

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Generosity Pays Big Dividends

By OSWALD JACOBY

"THIS is one of the funniest bridge hands I've ever played," my friend Lee Hazen remarked to me the other day. "I let an opponent get away with murder, and he thanked me and called me a fine gentleman. This was enough to make a horse blush, since the truth was that I had actually gained by letting him violate the rules."

West led the ten of hearts, Hazen explained, and East had the ace of hearts out of his hand and practically on the table when he noticed that Hazen had played the small heart from the dummy.

"Whose ten is that?" asked East.

"Your partner's," was Hazen's answer.

By this time the ace of hearts was back in East's hand. He looked doubtfully at declarer and asked: "Do I have to play that card?"

"Let's not be technical," Hazen suggested amiably.

East played a small heart with great relief and West held the first trick with his ten.

West next shifted to the four of diamonds, sensibly seeing

	NORTH (D)	21
	♠ A 9 2 ♥ K Q J 3 ♦ A J 2 ♣ 7 3 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ 5 3		♠ 8 4
♥ 10 7		♥ A 9 8 6 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 3		♦ K 9
♣ A 9 8 4		♣ Q J 10
	SOUTH ♠ K Q J 10 7 6 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K 6 5	

Neither side vul.

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ 10

that a heart continuation could not be good for his side. Hazen won in dummy with the ace of diamonds and led the king of hearts through East. When the ace of hearts appeared, Hazen ruffed and drew trumps, ending in the dummy.

Now the contract was assured, since the declarer could discard two clubs on dummy's queen and jack of hearts. He could then give up one diamond and one club, making his game contract.

To this day East has never realised what would have happened if he had been forced by a technical player to take the first trick with the ace of hearts. East would naturally shift to the queen of clubs, and the defenders would quickly get three club tricks to defeat the contract.

There was, of course, no reason for Hazen to blush. He gave East his choice of plays on the first trick. If East chose the wrong course and was grateful for it, amusement was the only logical reaction.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	Pass	2 Hearts	Pass
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You, South, hold:
♠K Q 2 ♥A Q 10 5 3 ♦A J 4 ♣8 6
What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. With strength in three suits you make the game try in no-trump even though your major suit is five cards in length.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠K Q 2 ♥A Q 10 5 ♦A J 4 2 ♣K 5
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ··· By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

BORN today, you have a keen mind, good reasoning ability, a sharp intellect and the will to acquire knowledge wherever you go. Not a day goes by but you have added to your store of information and widened your outlook on life. No matter what profession, career, or job you do, you will find that you make plenty of money, and, since you know how to spend wisely, you will never lack for this world's goods, unless through some mishap you are misled by the advice of a close friend or relative. Guard against this!

You have many of the characteristics of the born leader. You enjoy people and will be able to get along with many varying groups of individuals. Your work should have something to do with people, for you are not completely happy unless you are mingling with other human beings. You will be happiest in the urban centres where there is a great deal of activity at all times.

You are rather too much inclined to keep your plans to yourself and not take your family into your confidence. Then, when you decide to do something, it comes as a surprise—sometimes not a too happy one. Share your plans and problems as well as your success with your loved ones.

Among those born on this date are: A. A. Milne, author; Daniel Webster, statesman; Olaga Nethersole, actress; Oliver Hardy, comedian; Georges Baklanoff, singer; Seth Low, educator; George H. Graham, publisher; and Walter Saterlee, artist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be practical about things. If you need help in handling a difficult matter, be sure to get it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Those who have engineering problems or who are working in metals should be especially favoured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Postpone legal matters until later on. This is not the opportune time to continue the battle.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Let your natural leadership assert itself today. Promote some new idea which interests you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't cut off your nose to spite your face. Remember! You could be the one to suffer in the long run.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You might embark on a short trip or a long journey with the full anticipation of success and pleasure.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You are too little inclined to change your mind too often. Not a good idea today.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Haste can make waste, so take your time. Remember slow and easy wins today's race.

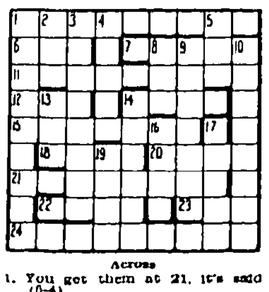
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Go more than half-way if necessary to make peaceful overtures. It won't be easy, but make a try at it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This can be a fortunate day for those who are in military service. Something to your advantage may be announced.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This is an excellent day for all those who are connected with the service trades or handle tools in their jobs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Since you are quick to think and as speedy to act, this can be an important day of decision for you.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. You get them at 21, it's said (5-4)
6. Tansy with cream added. (3)
7. In Sussex, not by the sea. (5)
11. Pull for a tinkle. (4-5)
12. A flab just like 13 Down. (3)
14. Yorick was a fellow of infinite this. (4)
16. Smarten things up. (7)
18. Matthew Arnold talked about a bird-haunted English one. (4)
20. Old this for original sin. (4)
21. Expensive line of communication nowadays. (5)
22. Hermit's home. (4)
23. In the affirmative. (3)
24. Refill. (9)

Down

1. Bolivar was one. (9)
2. He drives or flies well. (3)
3. He talks out of school. (4-4)
4. It appears in the orchestra. (5)
5. The Japanese long for it. (3)
8. Found in wherever you are. (3)
9. Clean-up time. (7)
10. No serious battle. (8)
13. A flab just like 12 Across. (3)
14. Sinclair Lewis wrote about this wild beast land. (6)
15. Upset, with apples, by Shaw. (4)
17. Highland ones provide a spectacle. (5)
19. Winning one may collect coins. (4)

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Yesterday's solution

TARGET

E	I	L
F	D	A
L	U	S

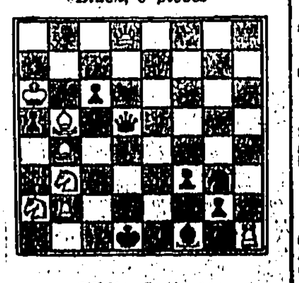
How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 42 words, good; 48 words, very good; 63 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Acrogen anger argon arrange ARROGANCE cage cane cargo carnage conger crag cranage ergon garner garrun gear goer gone gore grace groan grocer nagor ogre onager orange organ rage rang range ranger.

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. WILSON

Black, 8 pieces



White, 8 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—QKt7, any; 2, Q, B, or B mates.

This Funny World

"Is this the room that complained about the mice?"

WOMANSENSE

Madame Fath presents this tunic style evening dress in white silk. It is worn with a white mink scarf.—Agence France-Presse.

EILEEN ASCROFT Makes A Forecast

YOU'LL LOOK YOUNGER AND PRETTIER IN 1956

WOMEN are going to look younger and prettier in 1956, I believe.

We have just passed through a whole year of sophisticated grown-up clothes. The loose, straight silhouette, the figure-hugging sheath, the oh-so-difficult long bodyline all achieved sleek elegance.

But fundamentally women like to look younger and prettier than reality. That is why there will be a big swing back to tiny waists, fuller skirts over frothy petticoats, and fitted bodices that emphasise, instead of flatten, the bust.

STRAPLESS TOPS

OF all the fashions that emerged through the last 12 months this vanishing bosom trick was the silliest. In a curve-conscious age, when international pin-ups are girls like La Lollo, Diana Dors, Marilyn Monroe and Anita Ekberg, it is expecting too much of a woman to do away with her chief attractions in the name of Parisian elegance.

English women wisely rejected this French fad and kept their curves.

For evening I forecast the return of the strapless evening dress. The recent Royal dress show given by the Top Twelve London couturiers to the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret contained important hints of spring fashion.

Many of the beautiful cocktail, short evening and full ballgowns had strapless tops. This is not a fashion I like myself.

Sitting at a restaurant table a woman too often looks as if she were sitting in a bathtub. Only if the shoulders are slightly plump and pretty, and the skin impeccable like satin, does this style really look superb.

For the average woman a shoulder covering is always more attractive, even if it is just a wisp of softening tulle.

A BIGGER HAT

ONE Old-Year tendency that is going to last is the bigger hat. But again I think they will be more flattering and easier to wear.

Some of those large dummy tea-cosies we see around today, in melusine and fur should go, I believe, straight into the dustbin. For a beautiful face they do less than nothing; for a plain one they register on the debit side.

The new large hats will have smaller crowns and larger brims that frame the face, not swamp it. With our summer clothes I hope we shall be wearing again unexaggerated cartwheels—the kind every man adores unless he is a milliner—and young-looking large sailors. One of these stole the hat applause at the recent Royal show.

ACCESSORIES

THERE will be important changes in accessories, too. I have starred the most interesting.

★ SHOES—more bright colours and neutral tones. White is a dead colour, black less popular. Heels will be higher again and more slender. Aluminium and other metals will make heels stronger, too. Soften leathers and lighter weights are important tendencies.

★ GLOVES—last year we gave a sparkle to our summer wardrobes with white fabric "shorties." This year they will be longer, and neutral tones will be smarter.

★ HAIR—longer, fluffier hairstyles are ousting the short, wispy cuts. But waves still predominate over curls.

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TEACHING CHILD MANNERS

A Good Example Goes A Long Way

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

WE can never begin too early to teach a child to say "Please" and "Thank You." And, of course, the best way to teach him is through example.

Even before the tot can talk, we should say "Please give me the spoon," instead of "Give me the spoon," and follow his compliance with "Thank you." The smile and gentle voice that accompany these words help to make them attractive to him.

We expect him to learn very quickly and are inclined to become angry when he omits these niceties. We may even refuse to grant a request until he has said "Please."

But if we made all our requests in a polite manner, without being irritated, the training might be more successful.

Sometimes a child will command his mother, who is in another part of the house, to "Come Here." Usually, there is no emergency at all and the mother may have to climb the stairs!

Not only does this child omit the word "Please," but he has also acquired an ugly habit.

The best procedure at a time like this, is to tell him you are busy and that if he wants you for something, he should come to you. However this is not the time then to complicate the problem by lecturing him for not saying, "Please."

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You will have more success in correcting a child who shouts a command by quietly and gently saying "Please" after his impolite utterance.

This is also true when you try to break him of the habit of saying, "ain't."

If you show anger then and sternly command him to "say it correctly" after you, it will only become an irritation to him. Furthermore, he will not make an effort to avoid the word in the future.

Perhaps your child has the irritating habit of forgetting to close a door. Telling him angrily each time to go back to shut the door rarely improves his ways.

I heard a mother tell her high school son eleven times one evening to go back and close the door, with no evidence of success. Besides, they were mad at each other all evening over the matter.

Had she asked him just once very kindly to try to remember to close the door, it might have worked.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf's Important Day

—He Finds Someone Who Is Younger than Himself—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy, went walking down the street. It was a lovely day, cold and clear, sharp and fine. The sun shone down like a million golden electric lights.

"I'm seven years old today," sang Knarf.

Just then Knarf met a very Old Man.

"Hello, Old Man," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," said the Old Man.

"I'm seven years old today," said Knarf.

He Was Very Old

"I was seventy years old yesterday," said the Old Man. "It will take you a long time to be as old as I am."

"I bet," said Knarf to himself, as he continued down the street, "that there aren't many things as old as Old Man."

At the corner there was an oak tree. It grew out of the green grass and rose higher than the tops of the houses. Knarf had to lean his head way back to look up to the top of the tree.

"Hello, Oak Tree," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," murmured the Oak Tree.

"I'm seven years old today," said Knarf. "How old are you?"

"I'll be one hundred and seventy years old tomorrow," said the Oak Tree.

Knarf walked on. "Oh my, oh my, oh my!" Knarf said to himself as he walked on. "Who can be older than that Oak Tree?"

Under The Bridge

By this time Knarf had reached the end of the street. He started to climb up the hill. Coming down the hill was the stream that ran under the bridge down to the river far away. Knarf looked down at the stream as it went rushing by.

"Hello, Stream," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," the Stream called back.

"I'm seven years old today," said Knarf. "How old are you?"

"Last year," said the Stream as it kept rushing by, "I was seven hundred years old."

Knarf continued walking up the hill. "Who can be older than Stream?" he said, half aloud. "The Stream is the oldest thing in the world."

Then Knarf reached the top of the hill. "Hello, Hill," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," said Hill. "I heard you say that you were seven years old today."

"Yes," said Knarf," how old are you?"

"I can't remember any more," said the Hill. "I think I'm seven thousand years old or seven million years old."

Knarf walked down the Hill again.

"Everyone's older than I am," he said.

Fluttering Butterfly

So Knarf came back to his house and just as he was about to walk in, a butterfly fluttered past.

"I am seventy," the Old Man told Knarf.

"Hello, Butterfly," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," fluttered the Butterfly.

"I'm seven years old," said Knarf.

"I'm seven minutes old this minute," said the Butterfly.

The Butterfly fluttered down the street, past Old Man, Old Oak, Old Stream and Old Hill.

And Knarf went inside the house and had a big dinner, a specially big dinner because today was an important day. He was seven years old.

Rupert and the New Boat—24

Next morning Rupert is full of excitement, and after breakfast he puts on his overcoat. "You will let me go, won't you, Mummy?" he says coaxingly. "Well, yes, if you're sure you know where Linnet Hill is," she replies. "Santa Claus is a kind person. You can't come to harm with him, sir."

But you must run to keep warm. It has been freezing harder than ever since the snow stopped falling." "Oo, thank you, Mummy," says Rupert. "I know just where the hill is," and off he trots over the crisp snow of the common and through the biting air.

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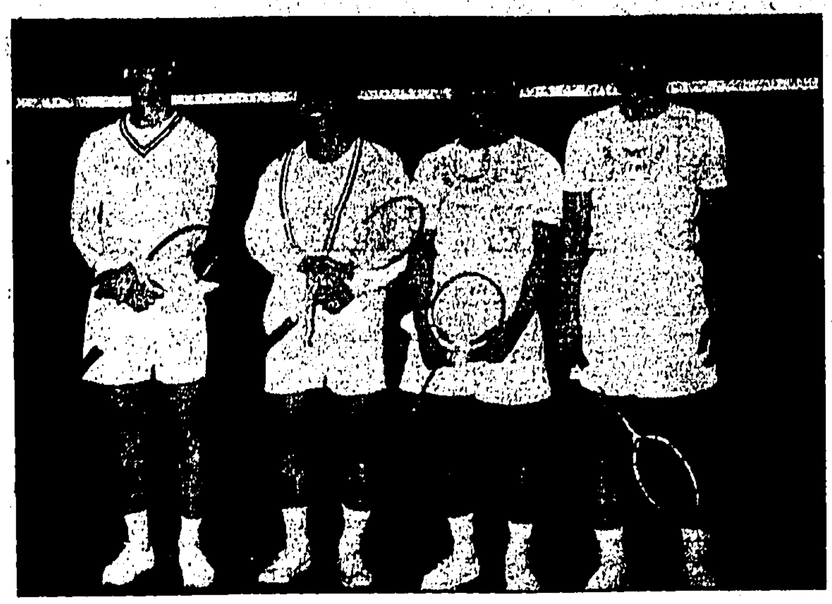


Hongkong's schoolboy combination, Chan Wai-cheok and Wong Wai-hung (left), pictured with the Thailand Thomas Cup first doubles pair against India before the start of the Men's Doubles match at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night. The Thailand pair won 15-6, 15-11.—China Mail Photo.

TODAY'S RUGGER

LAND FORCES INTER-UNIT SEMI-FINALS

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon Army rugger fans will be out in full force on the Army ground in Boundary Street when the semi-finals of the Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition are played off.

The first game will kick off at 2.30 p.m. and will be between 74 LAA and the H.K. Signal Regiment. This will be followed at 4.30 p.m. by the clash between last year's runners-up, the King's Own, and 15 Medium Regt.

The big surprise of the Tournament so far has been the emergence of the H.K. Signal Regt as a definite danger to all. At the start of the season they had a weak side and in Army Rugby circles little hope was expressed that they would last beyond the first few rounds of the Competition.

However, just at the right moment they had an influx of new blood and with Blackburn as their main star they have gone from strength to strength.

HKSR v 74 LAA

This afternoon they face one of their stiffest encounters to date, for the 74 LAA fifteen contains many well known Gunner players.

The Signals have made one switch in their team with Blackburn returning to the centre of the three line while Coatsworth takes over on the wing.

This should stiffen up the defence as well as the attack and with the threes the Signals have they could upset the more favoured 74 LAA.

Both packs are fairly well balanced, though the 74 LAA, should see more of the ball from the linouts and loose where Phipps and Buckby should be to the fore.

On the other hand Gilyeat should be able to hook the ball back often enough to give his threes a chance and here if anything the Signals have the advantage.

The line is fast and, although there is a slight weakness on one wing, should do well. In opposition they have Gerrard in the centre with Izod on one wing and Anderson between them.

These three will be the danger with Gerrard and Izod the two who must be stopped at all costs. On the whole a fairly well balanced game with the 74 LAA the more likely to become the winners.

KING'S OWN v 15 MEDIUM

The second game on paper looks like an easy walkover for the King's Own for they have a heavy hard-going pack led by de Cordova, and two excellent halves in Sharpe and Keir while behind them are what must be about the fastest set of Regimental threes in the Colony.

Both Bilnoe and Cain are on form and should take a lot of stopping. Against all these recognised players the 15 Medium Regt. has only a few well known ones. They have Glen at scrum half and Hodge and Robinson at wing forward and while the others are good, steady players it is doubtful whether they will be able to stand up to the pressure the King's Own are sure to exert. From the forwards the King's Own should get a plentiful supply of the ball and there is no reason why they shoud not win, although it can safely be presumed that a fifteen which has battled its way to the semi-finals such as the 15 Medium, will not let them have an easy time of it.

On looking back over the records it is strange to note that for the last two years the runners-up for one year have emerged as the winners in the following year, so the omens certainly look good for the King's Own to go on to the top this year.

THE TEAMS

H.K. Signals: Whitfield, McKenna, Griffiths, Blackburn, Coatsworth, Odds, Parsons, Cairns, Gilyeat, Yeardley, Lambert, Weekes, Crane, Andrews, Allen.

74 LAA: W. Jones, Carter, Gerrard, Anderson, Izod, Tinsley, Highcock, Cross, Burn, Sumner, Singer, Gatehouse, Buckby, Phipps, A. B. Jones.

1st King's Own: Bishop, Preston, Harrison, Bilnoe, Cain, Keir, Sharpe, de Cordova, Dew, Houghton, Pearson, Higham, Lipscombe, Davies, Wade.

15 Medium: Anderson, Williams, Smart, King, Keefe, Jones, Glen, Hobbs, A. N. Other, Everton, Butler, Duffet, Rodge, Paterson, Robinson.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Rugby

FARELF Inter-Unit rugby: HK Signals Regt "A" v 74 LAA (BS) 2.30 p.m., 1 King's Own v 15 Medium Regt RA (BS) 4 p.m.

Squash

Colony Squash Tourney at Victoria Barracks at 5.30 p.m.

Boxing

Committee Meeting of Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association, Missions to seamen, 7 p.m.

Shooting

Revolver Shooting HK Gun Club range 9.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

Badminton

Exhibition by Thai Badminton team at St. Theresa's Court, Kowloon at 7.30 p.m.

Squash

Colony Squash championship at Victoria Barracks Courts at 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Soccer

All Hongkong v Austrian Wiener Sports Club at HK Stadium, 4 p.m.

Squash

Colony Squash Championship at Victoria Courts, 5.30 p.m.

Tributes Pour In On Len Hutton's Retirement

London, Jan. 17.

Many tributes were paid tonight to Len Hutton, England's former captain, who today announced his retirement from first class cricket because of ill health.

Here are some extracts:

Sir Pelham Warner, former captain for Middlesex and England, said: Hutton has been a magnificent player with a fine record here and in Australia, and his retirement is a great loss to English cricket. It is difficult to compare him with any great batsmen of the past because conditions change."

G. O. Allen (former England captain, Middlesex and England all-rounder) and Chairman of the Test selectors: Hutton added great lustre to the game and in his very successful career he has done just about everything possible for him to do. There is no doubt that he was a great batsman and a tremendously successful captain.

TREMENDOUS LOSS

Denis Compton (Middlesex and England) — This is a tremendous loss to English cricket. I am surprised to hear the news because I thought that he was doing well as I am, following my knee operation.

Mr H. S. Altham, Treasurer of the MCC and a former Chairman of Selectors, said on the BBC "A great chapter is closed".

W. J. (Bill) Edrich (Middlesex captain and England batsman): He will need lot of replacing. He has been the mainstay of England's batting ever since he came into Test cricket before the war.

D.V.P. Wright (Kent captain and England leg-break bowler): He was undoubtedly one of the finest players I have seen. I always enjoyed watching him bat when I was on the same side, but I was not always so pleased when bowling against him."

"His technique was almost perfect and he was certainly a master against all sorts of swing bowling."—France-Presse.

Scots Doctor Predicts A Mile In 3:50

New York, Jan. 17.

A Scots doctor predicts that the World Mile mark of 3:58 will be reduced by as much as eight full seconds—or even more—because man is becoming ever bigger and, as a matter of course, better.

Dr J. V. G. A. Durnin of the University of Glasgow sees absolutely no reason why the World record for the Mile won't be lowered to a breathless 3:50 flat. Man is going up, he says, and the records will have to come down.

It makes sense.

If you are one of those who go into verbal batter for "the good old days," just hitch your buggy, park your bustle and tune in your ear trumpet. The Braw doctor has a fine point.

"Records are being broken by increasingly taller and taller people," he illustrates. "Roger Bannister, the first man to break four minutes in the Mile, is not exceptionally tall at six feet, one and one-half inches. That height range is reasonably commonplace.

INEVITABLE

"It seems inevitable," he added, "that sooner or later healthy men of exceptional stature, with the appropriate physical attributes, will shatter existing athletic records, including the Mile record.

"The average height of the population increases every generation," the doctor continues. "Thus there will be an increasing number of men of much more than average height and the likelihood of a new record-breaker becomes greater every year."

Basketball is a glowing example of this fact. In the "Golden 20's", Joe Lapchick was a basketball freak at six feet, five inches. Today the men over seven feet are no rarity. And, take it from Joe, they do things with a ball that he never thought of doing.

Track and field, the doctor's province, has an even greater example. That is the case of Bob Mathias, who at 17 won the Olympic Decathlon Championship and repeated at 21, against that of the most legendary Jim Thorpe, the 1912 Olympic King.

The Decathlon consist of ten events. True that techniques may have been improved, but muscle is muscle—and Mathias beat the immortal Thorpe's performances in nine out of ten events.

Only in the 1,500-metre run did Thorpe beat Mathias. The big Indian did it in 4:04.1 and Mathias, with a game leg that dusky evening in 1952, required 4:55.3. But Bob admits his endurance is "not so good" because of a childhood case of anemia.

But according to Doctor Durnin the guys of the past should have had it so good—and the lads of the future will have it better.—United Press.

THAIS LOSE FIRST MATCH

TAY AND HELEN KWONG SAVE FACE FOR HONGKONG BADMINTON

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Hongkong's Robert Tay and Miss Helen Kwong turned in a surprise packet when they put up a scintillating performance to down Thailand's pair, Sunthorn Suphaphun and Mrs Rumpai Slobol, in a Mixed Doubles badminton exhibition match at Craigengower Cricket Club last night. This exhibition, the second of three, ended with Thailand winning by four matches to one.

Matching the Thais stroke for stroke, the Hongkong pair shocked the Thailanders by running them off their feet in the opening set to win at 15-12, lost the second at 8-15 and in the decider Tay and Miss Kwong blasted Suphaphun and his partner off the court to give Hongkong the only win of the night's five matches.

While the Colony players, both men and women, are glaringly weak at singles and doubles play, there is at least this consolation that as far as Mixed Doubles are concerned we have in Hongkong a combination that is equal if not better than the visitors'.

To Robert Tay went the spoils of the night. When things looked darkest—Hongkong were trailing 0-4 and without much of a chance to break the duck—Tay rose to the occasion by outmanoeuvring the Thai crack mixed doubles pair with his courtcraft.

Time and again Tay had Suphaphun on the wrong foot by sending over a succession of cross court drives deep to the base and then switching to a sudden drop to the Thais' backhand. This was the winning stroke that baffled the opposition.

Helen Kwong played a remarkably good game and her support at the net was unbelieveable. Miss Kwong tapped to kill any shot that rose a few inches over the net with such precision and skill that the Thais switched their tactics to baseline lobs. But they were to regret this for they did not reckon with Robert Tay's generalship.

I counted no fewer than ten occassions in the first set when Tay's overhead smash—the shuttle dropping very close to the net—was a point winner.

DUMBFOUNDED

Suphaphun, known for his deadly smash, was completely dumbfounded by Tay's agility and rocklike defence. Failing to beat either Tay or Miss Kwong with his smash, Suphaphun brought in his lob shots which unfortunately lacked depth and as a result these shots were either smothered by counters from Tay or Mrs Slobol erred by crushing the 'bird' into the net.

This exhibition series brought to light a junior player who has improved by leaps and bounds since the last Championships. He is no other than George Ma. Last night Ma turned in a sterling performance when he held Thailand's Number Two singles player, Direk Khajadbhye, to a hard two-set match with Khajadbhye winning at 15-9, 15-5.

What impressed spectators was the never-give-up spirit of George Ma from the start to the last stroke. Direk Khajadbhye was obviously the master stroke player throughout, but there were times when this "pocket size" Wong Peng-soon had no answer to George Ma's parallel smashes that landed inches besides the sidelines.

Playing a cautious game at the start, Ma took some time before he shook off his 'stage fright' and from there onwards there was nothing to stop the Colony junior player. He returned everything that came over the net and his only fault last night was his inaccuracy in his lobbing.

In several long rallies, George Ma lost service for the simple reason that he lacked experience. Khadjadbhye, too, had his faults and he was warned by the referee more than twice for moving before his opponent served.

PLAYER TO WATCH

If Khadjadbhye can overcome this fault, he certainly is be a player to watch in future international badminton. As it is now, this Thailander is the best bet for his country for badminton laurels and if the Thailand Badminton Association has any foresight they should send Khadjadbhye to the All-England Badminton Championships this coming March.

Khadjadbhye has the chance to reach the last eight in this year's All-England tourney and I for one, pick him as one of the most improved players this side of Suez.

Another player worth mentioning in last night's exhibition was the Colony's Junior Ladies' Singles Champion, Diana Yung. Although beaten in two straight sets by the reigning Thai Champion, Pratheong Pattapong, Diana Yung did sufficiently well to earn rounds of applause.

This game will best be remembered for the first point in which Pattapong and Diana Yung both had difficulty to score. Six services changed hands without any scoring and then a neat net tap by the Colony Junior Champion saw the Thailander trailing by a point.

Diana Yung managed to return the hardest smash sent over by Pattapong in this two set match and as the game progressed the pace set by the Thai told on this young Colony schoolgirl Diana lost the second set without scoring a point, but she was not disgraced.

In the Men's Doubles, Thailand's Suphhaphun and Sutvanit once again asserted their supremacy when they beat Hongkong's schoolboy combination, Chan Wai-cheok and Wong Wai-hung, in straight sets 15-6, 15-11. The weak link in the Colony pair was Wai-hung who did nothing right.

It takes two to form match-winning doubles team and With Wong making error after error, the Thai combination directed most of their shots to Wong Wai-hung to win match and set in 19 minutes. This match brought out some of the glaring mistakes by Colony doubles players and I refer to the service.

SUREST WAY

Wong Wai-hung's service, which rose a foot over the net, was the surest way to invite trouble. The Thailand pair, Suphaphun and Sutvanit, made no bones about it when they net-tapped Wong's high service so often that Wai-hung couldn't serve at all. This was one of the reasons why Chan Wai-cheok and his partner lost the match in double quick time.

In the Ladies' Doubles, Hongkong's Miss Ulian Khoo and Mrs M. Gonsalves were not in the same class as Thailand's P. Pattapong and Mrs Rumpai Slobol. The score of 15-5, 15-5 just about sums up the match.

THE RESULTS

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Prateong Pattapong and Mrs Rumpai Slobol beat Miss Ulian Khoo and Mrs M. Gonsalves 15-5, 15-5.

Men's Singles: Direk Khajadbhye beat Geodge Ma 15-9, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles: Miss Prateong Pattapong beat Miss Diana Yung 11-3, 11-0.

Men's Doubles: Kamol Sutvanit and S. Suphaphun beat Chan Wai-cheong and Wong Wai-hung 15-6, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: Sunthorn Suphaphun and Mrs Rumpai Slobol lost to Robert Tay and Miss Helen Kwong 12-15, 15-8, 11-15.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
At St Teresa's

Ladies Singles: P. Pattapong vs. Helen Kwong.

Men's Doubles: K. Sutvanit & S. Suphaphun vs. W. F. Foo and M. A. Ebrahim.

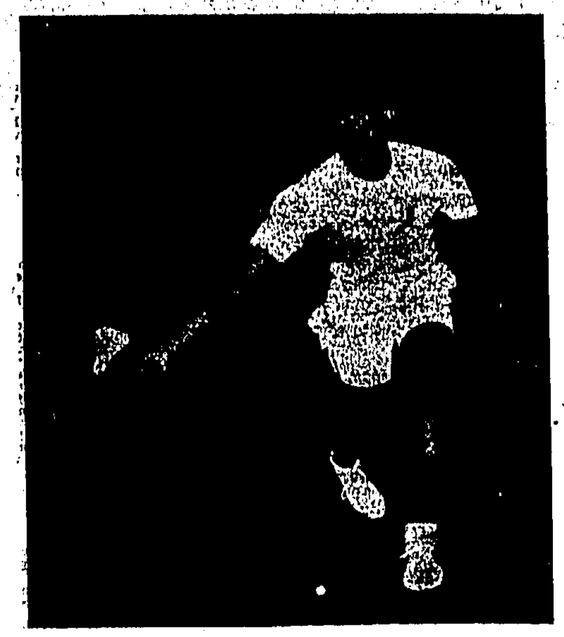
Men's Singles: C. S. Tse vs. Jimmy Khoo.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs R. Slobol & Direk Khajadbhye vs. Miss D. Lam & Robert Tay.

Ladies Doubles: P. Pattapong & Rumpai Slobol vs. Y. Y. Chan & Diana Yung.

Men's Doubles: Direk Khajadbhye and S. Suphaphun vs. K. Sutvanit and Kim Huat Noongradej.

POCKET SIZE PENG-SOON



Thailand's Direk Khajadbhye, dubbed the "pocket size Wong Peng-soon", displays fine style in this forehand shot against Hongkong's rising player, George Ma at last night's exhibition matches at the Craigengower Cricket Club. Khajadbhye won 15-9, 15-5.

The reason why Khajadbhye plays the Peng-soon style is that the Malayan "King of Shuttles" made several trips to Bangkok to coach Thai badminton players. Wong did a good job for his pupil imitates his backhand to near perfection, his walking gait to pick up the shuttle and even to using a towel tucked in the right hand pocket.—China Mail Photo.

Soviet Russia Claims 119 World Records At Press Conference

Moscow, Jan. 17.

Soviet athletes set up 119 World records last year, Alexis Romanov, President of the Soviet Sports Committee, claimed here today.

Romanov told some 100 foreign and Soviet newsmen at his press conference given in the Journalists House here that in addition to competing in the Olympic Games at Cortina D'Ampezzo and Melbourne in 1956, Soviet sportsmen would also compete for the first time in the World track and road cycling Championships in Denmark.

Referring to the constant development of Soviet sport, the President said the Soviet Union now belonged to 27 international sports federations and had sporting ties with 47 countries.

In a breakdown of the number of foreign sports delegations which had visited the Soviet Union in the past three years, Romanov gave the following figures: 75 delegations visited Russia in 1953, 131 in 1954 and 187 in 1955. In return, the Soviet Union sent 69, 144 and 162 delegations abroad during the corresponding years.

SOVIET CYCLISTS

Revealing that Soviet cyclists would also compete for the first time this year in the Warsaw-Berlin-Prague cycle rally, Romanov said negotiations were now being held to invite Champion cyclists from France, Italy, Belgium and Britain to compete in the Soviet Union.

Dealing with Soviet-American sports relations, Romanov said: "We started conversations at the beginning of 1955 for meetings with American sportsmen in basketball, all-in and Greco - Roman wrestling, gymnastics and athletics, but we had to wait a long time for a reply.

"At the moment we have agreed on an all-in wrestling bout with the Americans at Moscow this year, but we think there will also be Weightlifting and Greco-Roman wrestling events as well," added the President.

He also said that for the first time in the history of football, Britain will play the Soviet Union in an international match at Moscow this season.

Soviet sportsmen will compete in all the events at the Melbourne Olympics, including grass hockey which has just been introduced into the Soviet Union.

Asked by a newsman why the Soviet Union did not play Rugby, Romanov said teams in various cities had tried to play this game, but the results were not very convincing.

"They prefer football or basicetball", he added.

Asked whether Soviet spectators would go to the Olympic Games in Melbourne, the President told the newsmen to ask the tourist office, because Melbourne was 28 sailing days from the Soviet Union.

Romanov estimated, however, that about 100 Soviet spectators would go to the Olympic Winter Games at Cortina Dampezzo at the end of this month.—France-Presse.

Inter-School Football Fixtures

Following are the fixtures for Inter-School Soccer League this week-end:

Senior

La Salle v Clementi—Police "B", Boundary Street, 11.15 a.m., C. F. Mintin.

Queen's v King's—Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15 a.m., Sammy Tsang.

Wah Yan Kowloon v Chatham—Happy Valley No. 3, 11.15 a.m., Mak Yeung-fai.

KGV v St. Louis—Happy Valley No. 4, 11.15 a.m., Major Ebrick.

St. Stephen's v SFX—Happy Valley No. 5, 11.15 a.m., F. A. Barretto.

Queen Elizabeth v Pool Sun — Army "A" Boundary Street, 10 a.m., S. N. Hancock.

Wah Yan HK v St. Joseph's—Happy Valley No. 6, 11.15 a.m., P. Partridge.

Intermediate

La Salle v Wah Yan Kowloon — Police "B" Boundary Street, 10.15 a.m., E. F. Brigham.

Wah Yan HK v Clementi—Happy Valley No. 6, 10.15 a.m., Cheung Yan-sing.

Junior Tech v Salesians—Happy Valley No. 3, 10.15 a.m., J. Masterson.

Wantsai v SFX—Happy Valley No. 6, 10.15 a.m., Mak Hin-tsang.

St. Joseph's v St. Louis—Happy Valley No. 4, 10.15 a.m., Cpl. Hoor.

King's v Queen's—Happy Valley No. 2, 10.15 a.m., Sgt. F. Pratlett.

Junior

Wantsai v St. Joseph's—Happy Valley No. 4, 9.30 a.m., W. H. Lau.

Junior Tech v St. Mark's—Happy Valley No. 2, 9.30 a.m., George Jor.

St. Louis v Wah Yan HK—Happy Valley No. 6, 9.30 a.m., Y. C. Mak.

Munsang v Wah Yan Kowloon—Police "B" Boundary Street, 9.30 a.m., Wong Wah-kay.

Island Road v Salesians—Happy Valley No. 3, 9.30 a.m., Yu Loong-kin.

Tak Yan v KGV—KGV School 10 a.m., Lao Murphy.

Pakistan Universities Reach Highest Total So Far Against MCC

Lahore, Pakistan, Jan. 17.

The MCC were struggling to gain a first innings lead over the Pakistan Combined Universities XI when the second day's play ended today.

With one more day left for play, the tourists require 71 more runs for the lead with three wickets left, having scored 186 for seven. The Universities were all out just before lunch for 256, the highest total against the MCC of the tour so far.

SPIRITED STAND

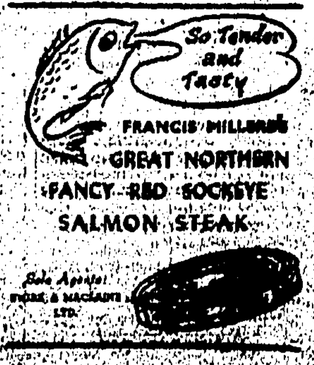
The students were helped by a spirited last wicket stand of 51 in 46 minutes between S. F. Rehman, who was top scorer with 59, and Taat Hussain. The innings should have ended at 206 when Rehman hit a skier, but Maurice Tompkin, with the sun in his eyes, dropped the catch.

MCC began their reply confidently, scoring 30 in as many minutes for the loss of Brian Close.

Maurice Tompkin batted with assurance to score 45. He fell when hitting out strongly. Having hit a grand six off leg spinner Rehman, he tried to repeat the stroke and lofted a catch to mid-off.

This began a collapse in which three wickets fell for three runs. Donald Carr, the MCC captain, was run out eleven runs later as a result of some smart fielding by Abisul Ghani.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS . . . . by Barry Appleby



No Glory—But They Keep Soccer Alive

Says ALAN HOBY

I'm getting a little tired of hearing about the luck of Mr Jesse Carver. He has been able to quit the Winter chill of Coventry for the sunshine of Italy—and to pick up one of the best jobs in world football.

He has also picked up a few million lire in the process.....

Very nice—if you can get it! But what about the reverse side of the picture?

What of those managers and club bosses who seldom make the headlines?

The men who have to struggle along on shoe-string budgets; who do practically all the odd jobs themselves because every halfpenny counts; who know that there never will be much money — or personal glory—but carry on just the same.

To many, they are just unglamorous "stick-in-the-muds." To me, however, they are the Salt of Soccer. For without them soccer could not survive.....

Not for them cohorts of trainers or scads of officials.

Week after week, year after year, they quietly get on with the job.

And each, in his way, is a unique mixture of cheer leader, psychologist, wet nurse, and general handyman.

Take the Amazing Mr Bill Tulip, Chairman of Gateshead. Mr Tulip is 79! But if you drop in on him you'll rarely find him in a chair.

SALARIED WORKERS

More than 20 years with the same club, Bill has done every job—chairman, manager, scout, and office boy—and most of them simultaneously. Gateshead just couldn't afford that number of salaried workers on 3,000 gates—so Mr Tulip got down to running the whole show himself, from licking stamps to arranging transfers.

Now, rising 80, Mr Tulip is the hardest working manager in the North-East.

How has he done it? By cutting out desk work and fostering a wonderful team spirit. Few of Mr Tulip's players ask for a transfer.....

Another old stager who never seems to tire of toil is 70-year-old Fred Westgarth, manager of unfashionable Hartlepools, unlucky losers to Chelsea in last week's cup tie.

What a man! When Fred first joined Hartlepools he shivered at the outsize job ahead.

The Army had left the ground almost in ruins. There was no money, no players, and no floors in offices or dressing-rooms.

But all Fred said was: "Let me be the boss and I'll give you a team."

Then, without fuss or fanfares, he proceeded to haul the club to its feet—where he has kept it ever since by adroit buying and selling, plus cutting costs to the bone.

Now, after 11 years with the club, this spry, 70-year-old has one ambition before he "packs up" — to see Hartlepools promoted to Division II.

Headaches and heart-breaks .....that's the lot of Division III managers, North and South. Here is Gordon Hunt, sports chief, saying:—

A TOUGH ONE

"For 20 years I've had to watch every penny. Every season has been a tough one."

"Aren't you tired of it?" he was asked.

The reply was typical: "No, I love every minute, and I'm fit and willing to tackle another 20 years."

Switch south—to Archie Clarke, 18 years with Gillingham. When Archie first arrived from Everton, Gillingham had only six players.

They played in the Kent League, their average gate was 2,500 and the pitch had a 6ft slope.

Today they are respected members of the Third Division, the crowd is nearer 10,000 and they have spent £32,000 levelling the pitch and building a new stand and concrete terracing.

And the cost to Clarke? "Well, I've done just about everything, including mowing the grass and marking the ground. Sometimes, when we've struck a bad patch, I've even felt like dying!"

Fortunately for Gillingham their manager has broad shoulders as well as the gift of humour.

So has Harry Evans, of Aldershot, another of football's backroom boys, who spends morning to midnight plotting and planning how to boost his club's fortunes.

To cut expenses Harry has cheerfully shouldered the round-the-clock role of manager, secretary, scout, team selector, and human adding machine.

"It's a hobby as well as a job to me," he says.....

Harry's "hard labour" even reaches into his home. Here, helped by his wife and daughter, he does the tax returns, makes up players' wages, and sends off thousands of tickets.

Harry Warren at Southend, Teddy Davison at Chesterfield, Charlie Hewitt at Millwall, Bill Dodgin at Brentford—it's the same story throughout the country.

Such spirit is indestructible. I only hope that one day they will reap a rich reward.

—(*London Express Service*).
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What a problem it has been trying to decide who should fill the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week. Seldom has there been such a rich surfeit of worthy claimants from so many different spheres of our sporting activities.

Everything considered, I am selecting two boxers to lead the parade. One of them is a winner — a Champion — the other is a loser.

A big welcome on his return to the Top Spot goes to the first of them, Pte C. Allison, RAOC, the new Land Forces Middleweight Champion, for as masterly a display of the noble art as we have been privileged to see in this Colony in a long time.

In winning his latest title at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre on Monday night Allison showed all the class that stamped him as a boxer with a very bright future.

His punching is crisp and correct. His general ring conduct is impeccable. When on the attack he is confident and relentless and when forced back on to the defensive, he shows the coolness and courage that are the essential hallmarks of a real Champion.

SECOND BOXER

The second boxer in the Top Spot this week has also been here before. It is Craftsman 'Jock' Dinning. After weeks of hard training Dinning was disqualified for a low blow in his semi-final bout with Gnr Davis. In common with others I thought the decision was a harsh one but be it forever to Dinning's credit that not by word, act or gesture did he betray the tremendous disappointment—and sense of frustration—which the incident must have caused him.

To be gracious in victory is often easy, but to display the same quality in defeat—unsatisfactory defeat—as spontaneously as did Dinning on this occasion is the prerogative given only to the really great sportsman.

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Many an eyebrow was raised as the cricket results started to filter in at the week-end. Army interest was of course centred on the return meeting of North and South and there was glee and gloom North and South of the Taiwan Line when it was learned that North had taken revenge for their defeat earlier in the season by beating their southern colleagues.

The healthy rivalry between the two sides has been one of the most engaging features of the Army's winter sports programme and now that League honours are relatively all-square most enthusiasts will be satisfied.

This latest defeat of South and the continued good form of rival sides like the Royal Air Force is going to make it a difficult task for either of the Army sides to regain the Championship which they lost to KCC last season.

The position is now most interesting and one cricket official gave it as his opinion that the present League set-up is the most intriguing experienced for a long time. The soldiers will not give up the Championship chase without a stout fight but another slip by either side could virtually push them right out of the running.

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Congratulations have been passed to the Army football team from many quarters for the fine standard of field conduct they displayed during Sunday's very provocative and distasteful game against Sing Tao at the Club Stadium.

The behaviour of the players was a great tribute to their sense of sportsmanship as well as to their team discipline and it is a source of real satisfaction to know that the congratulatory comments have come from all sections of the community.

HIGH INJURY RATE

The Army side, which started the season with only a sprinkling of players experienced in the ways of Hongkong football, took a long time to settle down. This was due in part at least to the exceptionally high injury rate experienced in the opening games when it was often necessary for wholesale changes to be made every week. Now however the side is showing its real worth. It is a powerful, well knit, and willing team which will not be beaten easily by any side in the Colony.

The recent run of successes has fully restored the players' confidence in themselves and they gave adequate evidence on Sunday that they will not allow that confidence to be shaken by even the most unacceptable of tactics.

Army sportsmen in the Colony may well be proud of the conduct and achievements of their current soccer representatives.

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One of the most popular annual athletic meetings, that of 6 COD, will be held at the Army Sports Ground, Boundary Street, on Wednesday, January 25.

The meeting will have all the familiar events associated with this particular occasion but there will also be an invitation Medley Race (880 x 220 x 440 yards) open to all units.

Interested units should forward their entries not later than January 20 to Capt D. J. Gunn, who is the Athletics Officer at 6 COD.

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So far eight entries have been received for the Caldbeck Cup—the FARELF Football Championship—but as these include 7 Hussars, 27 HAA Regt RA, 1 N Staffs, 11 Inf Wshps, HK Sig Regt, 1 Kings Own, Command Wshps and RAMC there are certain to be some good games in the Hongkong stage.

Entries officially close today but late ones will be accepted provided they are submitted immediately.

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The entry list is now open for the Land Forces Team Boxing Championships. Teams in this competition comprise eleven boxers. There is no Flyweight and no Heavyweight but there must be first and second strings in the Light, Lightwelter and Welter Divisions.

Entries have so far been received from 7 Hussars, 1 Kings Own, 1 N Staffs, 1 Northamptons, 74 LAA Regt, 27 HAA Regt, and Combined Workshops REME.

The semi-finals will be staged on February 15 and 17. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold the finals at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre on March 2.

HOCKEY DRAW

The Major Units Knock-out Hockey Tournament has now reached the semi-final stage and the draw is as follows:—HQLF v. 7 Hussars, and HK Sig Regt v. 1 N Staffs. Both games will be played at Sookunpoo on Friday, January 20. The first one will start at 2.15 p.m. and the second at 3.45 p.m.

The finalists in the Minor Units competition are 137 Bty RA and 15 Fd Pk Sqn RE. This tie will probably be played off immediately before the Major Units final on Friday, January 27.

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The January meeting of the Army Football Referees will take place at the NAAFI Club on Saturday, January 21. Badges will be presented to the 20 successful candidates who have passed their examinations this season.

Certificates and handbooks have now arrived from the Army FA in the United Kingdom and will be available at the meeting. The committee hope that there will be a big turnout of members.

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A reminder to young athletes that the HKAAA Novices Meeting is scheduled for January 29.

HEAVY DEMANDS

In response to the heavy demands that are already being made for tickets for the Senior Shield Match between Army and Eastern, I am asked to say that the Hon Secy, of the Army FA will receive an official allocation of $2.40 tickets. This will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and demands together with the requisite cash should be forwarded NOW to the Hon Secy Army FA c/o Camp Commandant, HQLF. It is anticipated that the tickets will be snapped up very quickly so if you want to see this game get your order in as soon as possible.

Experts Say Chances Against Flash Elorde In World Title Fight

San Francisco, Jan. 17.

Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, pride of the Philippine fistic world, will attempt on Wednesday night to follow the trail blazed years ago by his countrymen Pancho Villa and Ceferino Garcia, and return to Manila wearing the crown of World Champion of his Division.

Experts say, however, that the chances are against his realising his ambition because standing squarely on that trail will be a man named Sandy Saddler, Featherweight Champion of the World, and undoubtedly one of the cleverest, most resourceful and hardest hitting little men in the history of pugilism.

It will be a case of experience and punch against youth, determination and stamina. Elorde at 32 is 10 years younger than Saddler. He is trained to a razor sharp edge. He is inspired by confidence and by the fact that last year in Manila he beat Saddler in a non-title bout in which Saddler's desperate rough house tactics almost caused a riot among the fans.

Saddler is supremely confident. He can look back on a brilliant record of 142 victories, 101 of them by knockout, and only 15 defeats in his long career. He laughs off his Manila defeat at the hands of Elorde, saying it was a "home town decision" and assures his backers (the odds are two to one in his favour) that he will not disappoint them.

BOXING EXPERTS

Some boxing experts point to Elorde's left-handed stance and claim that it will bother Saddler as it evidently did in their previous bout, but the Champion scoffs at that opinion and points to the record showing he has never lost more than one fight to any of his 159 opponents.

Both fighters finished training on Monday and are scheduled to weigh in at 10 o'clock (Pacific Standard Time) on Wednesday in tip-top fighting condition. The 15 round bout is scheduled for seven o'clock at San Francisco's "Cow Palace". It will be nationally and internationally broadcast and televised.

Special precautions will be taken to assure a good clean fight in view of Saddler's reputation as a "dirty fighter". Both fighters are to go before California Commission officials on Wednesday morning for a "reading of the rules, and Lope Sarreal, Elordc's manager, announced he will make it a point to request "special admonitions against dirty tactics, such as shoving, mauling, backhanding and hitting on the break."

A crowd of 5,000 with a gate of $30,000 is the official forecast, but television rights will swell the "take" to about $100,000 and millions of viewers will see the fight throughout the United States and Canada.

Charley Johnston, Saddler's manager, objected to referee Jack Downey, proposed by the California commission on the grounds that he had officiated in the Saddler-Gallardo bout and "let Gallardo get away with everything without even warning him".

Sarreal did not voice objections to any particular referee. "I only ask," he said, "that whoever works as third man tells that Saddler's dirty tactics will not be tolerated. The first fight in Manila was a disgrace. Saddler pulled every trick in the book.—France-Presse.

First Austrian Game Again Postponed

Another emergency meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Football Association was held at Sports Road yesterday morning to discuss a cable received from the Austrian Wiener Sports Club.

Mr Andy Mullen was in the chair supported by Mr R. M. Omar, the Secretary. Mr Mullen read the cable to the meeting stating that the Austrian team was further delayed and will arrive either tomorrow or Friday, January 20.

The first game of the series against the All Hongkong team has therefore been put back another day, i.e. on Friday, January 20, at the Hongkong Stadium at 4 p.m. and not at 3.30 p.m. as previously announced.

The Committee also announced that anyone who has purchased tickets for Wednesday's game and is unable to attend, may have their money refunded if they produce their tickets to the Association's office before 10 a.m. on Thursday.

The Interport Dinner will now be held on Sunday, January 22, at the Gloucester Hotel at 8 p.m.

The other two matches against the Hongkong Selection and the Combined Chinese will remain unchanged, i.e. on January 21 and 22.

Another cable was received from the Yugoslav national soccer team, stating that they wish to play one match in Hongkong on January 26. In their cable the team wanted to share the gate receipts with the Hongkong Football Association.

A counter-offer by the HKFA of £1,000 to the team was decided at the meeting.

Morris, the Army centre forward, has also been selected to be a reserve in the Hongkong line-up.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Australian Govt Has No Objection To Soviet Participation

Moscow, Jan. 17.

The Australian Olympics Committee has told Russia that the Australian Government has no objections to Soviet participation in this year's Olympic Games at Melbourne despite the fact that the two countries do not have diplomatic relations.

This was announced today by Mr N. Romanov, Chairman of the Soviet Governments Sports Committee, at a Press conference here.

(The Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Australia in April, 1954 following the granting of asylum to Mr Vladimir M. Petrov, Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra who had reported the existence of a soviet spy ring in Australia).

Mr Romanov said that soviet athletes would take part in the "overwhelming majority" of events.

Although the question of diplomatic relations is not within the competence of the Soviet Sports Committee, it is believed here that Russia will make an effort to have relations restored before the Olympic Games open.

Contacts have already been started, at Soviet initiative, between Russian and Australian missions in the United States.

According to well informed sources, Russia is anxious, however, that a solution should be achieved whereby it would appear that Australia was making the first move to heal the breach.—Reuter.

"REJECT GIRL" MAKES GOOD . . .

DANA WYNTER HAILED AS THE BEST GIFT TO HOLLYWOOD SINCE VIVIEN LEIGH

By RALPH COOPER

London.

There are going to be some red faces around London when a 21-year-old Harley Street doctor's daughter comes back to town for the first time since she took Hollywood by storm earlier last year.

Her name is Dana Wynter, and she won't be here in person—but larger than we've ever seen her, on the vast screen of the Carlton Cinema in London's glittering West End, as the star of her first Hollywood picture, "Secret Interlude," known in America as "The View from Pompey's Head," from the book of the same name.

The red faces will belong to the gentlemen in the British film industry who had every opportunity of signing her up — and didn't.

In a letter from Hollywood Dana told me: "They called me the 'first night girl' and wondered how on earth I managed to dress so well. And if I remember rightly, and I usually do, they compared me with Simone Silva, whose fabulous gowns and magnificent figure always caught the eyes of the camera boys.

"But when I went to those first nights I went as an ambitious young actress, hopeful that a producer or director would notice me and consider me for a part.

STUDIED HARD

"I desperately wanted to get on the stage, and I studied hard. I got small parts, I got good notices—but nobody wanted to know.

"I was introduced to Roy Boulting, who has a flair for recognising talent and spotting new players. I went to him humbly, in trepidation, and not a little hope, and he gave me some advice.

"'All you young girls who think you are pretty seem to think you'll be a success at once,' he said. 'My advice to you is to go to some repertory group and get five years.' That's what he said to me, and I was so disheartened that I wept as I walked home.

"Then I met director Lewis Milestone," continued Dana. "He was kind and helpful and gave me a small part in 'Melba.' It was cut out later—but it didn't matter. Mr Milestone let me work in the cutting rooms—and I was learning.

"Mario Zampi at Associated British Picture Corporation was always sweet and kindly. But a part in a picture? No dice. And the same went for Bob Leonard, ABPC's casting director.

"I thought I was getting my break with 'Knights of the Round Table.' Robert Taylor and Mel Ferrer were very friendly—and then Bob Taylor rang me one morning and told me another actress had got the part.

"I've been called a 'British reject,' and that day I felt I was. The only encouragement I had received in London was from Americans, so I decided there and then to go to America."

That was two years ago. Dana spent nearly a year in New York and was a great success on television. Then the Hollywood offers started coming—fast.

What has Dana got that Hollywood can see so plainly and British experts missed? "A brunette Grace Kelly with the zest of Ava Gardner thrown in," says veteran producer Walter Wanger, who discovered her for Hollywood, adding. "She's my best discovery since Hedy Lamarr."

THE BEST GIFT

Wanger tried to buy her contract from 20th Century Fox—but they are paying her 1,000 dollars a week and would not part. In other quarters she is hailed as "the best gift to Hollywood since Vivien Leigh."

They like, too, her attitude.

There was the still-talked-of-occasion when she was a dinner guest of agent Ray Stark. Another guest asked Ray "Who's that beauty sitting between Sam Goldwyn and Jack Warner," and Ray told Aly Khan who she was.

"Well, ask her to come over," said Aly, "I want her to sit at this table. I want to dance with her."

So Ray went over to Dana—and was startled when she replied gently, but firmly: "No thanks, Ray, I don't want to meet him."

"I came to America for a career as an actress," Dana commented afterwards, "not to find a wealthy husband."

From all sides the praise for this lovely newcomer flows in. Tough publicity men, photographers—all have fallen for her charm.

"With the exception of Dorothy Tutin and Claire Bloom," declares Dana, "there simply aren't any young actresses who get a break in England. If I'd stayed there I'd probably be scrubbing floors."

Heavyweight Title Pep Move Is Too Late

Says HAROLD MAYES

In the States they always say that any promoter is as great as the Heavyweight Champion he controls. Tex Rickard had his Jack Dempsey, Mike Jacobs his Joe Louis and Jim Norris has been fortunate enough to have a pretty fair fighter around by the name of Rocky Marciano.

That generalisation, of course, is intended to imply that when there's a good Heavyweight Champion, boxing is in a pretty healthy condition. And a good Heavyweight Champion in any language is a man who engages in regular competition and is prepared to stake his title against all comers.

Right now unusual steps are being taken to try to pep up the British Heavyweight title situation by forcing the challenger, Jack Gardner, into another contest before he meets Don Cockell, so that the Market Harborough farmer can attempt to restore himself to the position he held before he engaged in that highly controversial contest with the Tongan terror, Kitione Lave.

I can't help feeling that these moves are a trifle late—two years late in fact.

For the present unhappy state is due to the fact that the British Heavyweight Championship has been pushed into the background during the whole of that period to further the world ambitions of the holder Don Cockell.

Don't blame Don. It's the aim of every man who ever laced on a glove to fight for a World title.

BLAME THE SYSTEM

Blame the system which allowed, aye, even encouraged it. For once it looked as if the ill-fated Marciano fight was a possibility the British Boxing Board of Control gave Cockell every kind of protection until the World Championship bout became a probability and then a reality.

Upshot of it all is that when Cockell finally climbs into the Earl Court ring on April 24 to defend the British and Empire titles it will be within three weeks of three years since the Lonsdale Belt was staked and two and a quarter years since the Empire title was put on the line.

If, however, it is ever allowed to mean something like three years again the Boxing Board and everyone connected with the business will be getting only what they deserve when they find themselves with a title situation as dead as a Dodo.

Killing boxing at home in a fruitless chase for world titles isn't very profitable after all.

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AMERICAN AND CANADIAN INTERESTS DISPUTE

River Utilisation

By John Bird

Ottawa, Jan. 17.

Utilisation of the Columbia river water, flowing through British Columbia into the State of Washington, is becoming an increasingly serious subject of dispute between Canadian and American interests.

It was already the subject of sharp differences between the Federal Government in Ottawa and the provincial government of British Columbia last spring.

At that time, the provincial government under its Social Credit Premier, Mr W A C Bennett, agreed to a proposal from the American Kaiser Aluminum interests to impound Columbia water by a storage dam on Canadian soil, in the Lower Arrow Lakes, for use in the State of Washington, USA.

The Ottawa Government promptly vetoed this project and put through an Act during the last session of Parliament strengthening its hand against developments.

Attention Aroused

Now, however, the Canadian Government finds itself confronting with an opinion put forward by Mr Len Jordan, chairman of the United States section of the International Joint Commission, which has jurisdiction over international boundary waters.

The change of position, involving abandonment of an historical American attitude by the American representative called forth a series of articles by Mr Grant Dexter, Ottawa editor of the influential Winnipeg Free Press, which has aroused national attention.

As Mr Dexter shows, domestic Canadian law, derived from the British, has long been in conflict with domestic American law, derived from the Roman, on the subject of water utilisation.

Under English law, the riparian owners on a river are entitled to have the river come from above substantially in a state of nature, undiminished and uncontaminated, and they must pass the flow along in the same condition to owners downstream.

Under American law, the owner is not obliged to pass the flow downstream. He may utilise it subject to one condition: once a power plant or storage dam has been built, it becomes a vested interest and owners are entitled to the water thus "dedicated."

Constant Disputes

This difference in law occasioned constant disputes between Canada and the United States until the International Boundary Waters treaty was signed in 1909. In negotiating this treaty, the Canadians contended for English law but were defeated by the Americans with the result that United States principles of water utilisation were written into Article 2. Since then, the United States has invoked this article more than once to its own advantage, notably in the case of the St Mary river diversion in Montana.

Under the treaty, any injured person or concern in the United States may claim damages from the Exchequer Court of Canada while Canadians have similar redress before the American courts.

Flows Unused

Now, however, the Canadian authorities are proposing to invoke the American principle embodied in Article 2, in favour of utilising the Columbia within Canada. The stakes involved are very high—something like 4,000,000 horsepower a year.

Every spring, at run-off time, water sufficient to generate 6,000,000 hp of electricity flows unused down the Columbia for lack of storage dams to hold it back.

There are no suitable storage dam sites on the American side of the line, though there are eight United States power dams on the Columbia, the most famous of which are at Grand Coulee and Bonneville, Washington.

Thus the waste water is "undedicated," unusable on the American side unless stored in Canada for American usage—a proposition, which the Ottawa Government vetoed when put forward by British Columbia and the Kaiser interests.

Matter Of Letters

Meanwhile, Canadian federal authorities are exploring a plan to divert the "undedicated" spring surplus water of the Columbia into the Fraser River, there to be used to generate some 4,000,000 horsepower within British Columbia. The level of the Columbia would be unaffected, it is maintained, except for the spring wastage.

Speaking for the United States, Mr Len Jordan has countered with an interesting interpretation of the Boundary Waters treaty. He insists that a distinction should be drawn between ordinary injured parties (spelt with a small "p" in the treaty) and High Contracting Parties (spelt with a capital "P"), that is, between power companies and the United States Government itself.

Thus, while American power companies on the Columbia might be limited to seeking redress before the Exchequer Court of Canada, the United States Government would not.

"I think it proper to point out at this time," declared Mr Jordan, "that the injuries downstream occasioned by the diversion of 15,000,000 acre feet of Columbia water to another basin will be suffered by a Sovereign—one of the High Contracting Parties—namely the United States of America.

"Obviously, therefore, the United States, as a Sovereign, would not be limited to the redress provided for an injured party by Article 2."

The people of British Columbia, the Canadians most affected by this issue, are somewhat divided in their opinions. While the Social Credit government was willing to approve a storage dam within Canada for use by the American Kaiser interests in Washington, many British Columbia residents want the water diverted for use in their own province. China Mail Special.

German Army In Training

Recruits of the new German Army carry out saluting and marching drill in the snow at Andernach garrison, where four officers and 20 other ranks of the US armed forces have arrived to train cadres of the new army. Most of the army's equipment is being supplied by the United States, and the US servicemen will give technical instruction.—Express Photo.

JAP PRINCE TO WATCH OLYMPICS

Basle, Jan 17

Prince Fuketa, of Japan, a cousin of the Emperor, arrived at Davos today accompanied by a suite of some six persons.

The Prince is in Switzerland as an official delegate of the Japanese Winter Olympics team and will stay here until the end of the week.

During his stay in Davos, he will watch Japan's five-man Olympic speed skating team, which is competing in the important international pre-Olympic races here from January 18 to 21.—Reuter.

Lisbon, Jan. 17.

Senhora Joaquina Falcato, oldest inhabitant of Borba, celebrated her 104th birthday by singing songs popular when she was a child—just to prove she could remember them.

Her audience included some of her six children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandsons.—China Mail Special.

NEW NERVE TECHNIQUE

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.

An American nerve specialist, Dr Thomas Hoen, has developed a method of stretching nerves to combat difficult cases of paralysis and deformation.

He told a medico-dental symposium in Philadelphia that his technique enabled damaged nerve sections to be bridged and severed nerves to be rejoined.

It had been used successfully in 16 cases which could not be treated by any other method of operation.

Dr Hoen is chairman of the Department of Neuro-surgery at New York University.—China Mail Special.

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By Air

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Canada, 9 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
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Indo-China, Thailand, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

LOCUST PLAGUE IN 8TH YEAR

By David Sells

Rome, Jan. 17.

A desert plague of locusts which in 1948 attacked a 7,000-mile belt of territory stretching from India to the Atlantic coast of Africa is still raging unconquered.

A campaign waged by the combined anti-locust units of 14 nations has struck hard at the winged hordes, but so far has failed to eradicate them.

Baffled experts are still seeking the clue to the unpredictable habits of the desert locust which enable great swarms of this crop-stripping pest to elude control.

"Although this is the eighth year of the present plague, there are no signs of any general decrease in desert locust activity," the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation reported at its November conference in Rome.

Hampered

The Organisation did not mention that anti-locust operations in the Arabian Peninsula, at present the desert locust's main breeding ground, are severely hampered by the suspicions of Arab sheikhs that all foreigners are prospecting for oil.

The wariness of Islam's fabulously wealthy oil kings has been sharpened by the recent discovery, by one Arab nation, that a harmless looking band of foreign archaeologists was much more interested in oil soundings than in unearthing ancient ruins.

Arabia is the battle-ground against the desert locust, the most destructive of the species, and the scourge which has plagued the area ever since the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs.

Plagues of the red locust of Southern Africa, of the African migratory locust of Central Africa and of the Moroccan locust which ranges east to the mountains of Afghanistan, are rare nowadays.

Erratic

The science of combating them is known, even though preventive measures are sometimes inefficient. Constant vigil on their primary breeding grounds, called "outbreak" areas, would prevent their swarming to plague dimensions. But the breeding habits of the desert locust are still a mystery.

Unlike its cousins, the breeding of the desert locust is erratic and "outbreak" zones appear to change so that preventive action is ineffective.

International locust experts, particularly at London's Anti-Locust Research Centre, directed by Dr Boris Uvarov, have for years been studying the desert locust in an effort to discover the secret of the eccentric habits which enable it to swarm even into the south of the Soviet Union.

Great Rate

The locust is a solitary-living grasshopper which suddenly develops the desire for company and a wanderlust. Between plagues, the desert variety lives a harmless existence scattered over wide areas of Africa and the Middle East.

Then, suddenly, usually when heavy rains have nourished luxuriant vegetation, the lonely locusts breed at a great rate and swarm.

A plague has broken out.

If the climate is favourable, the locust, after sprouting wings, migrates in search of food. Its colour changes from pink to brown and then to yellow. The plague swarms breed as they move from deserts to pillage the succulent foliage of cultivated areas, migrating from country to country.

Fields of locust eggs, laid in pods like bunches of bananas, may cover several square miles, with about 70,000 eggs to the square yard.

A locust swarm, which may migrate 2,000 miles, flying at 10 miles an hour, can blanket a 100-square-mile area and sometimes more. When a swarm descends to strip bushes and trees, locusts cluster 10,000 to the square yard, or about 800 tons of living locust to the acre.

In Arabia

International campaigns were launched during World War II to combat these greedy battalions. Thousands of tons of poison bait and insecticide were used each year.

The most recent desert locust plagues took place from 1926 to 1935 and from 1940 to 1947. The current plague began "somewhere in Arabia" in 1948.

Eleven nations — Britain, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the Yemen—have promised to supply anti-locust teams for the 1955-56 operations in the Arabian Peninsula, a strategic area from which swarms move east to invade India, west to the Canary Islands and from the southern Soviet Union to East Africa.

France, the Lebanon and the Sudan are expected to contribute anti-locust equipment.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation's Desert Locust Control committee has prepared a detailed operational plan for the 1955-56 campaign. "But," it explained recently, "in spite of the urgency of putting the plan into operation, few governments have yet commented upon the committee's recommendations."

More Efficient

The suppression of swarms becomes more efficient every year. Expert advice makes the life of the locust ever less enviable. But the experts emphasise that the key to desert locust control will only be discovered when the secrets of its migratory and breeding habits are bared.

Then, locust fighters may be able to prevent plague outbreaks, instead of trying to suppress the locust armies over huge areas.—China Mail Special.

Anti-Submarine Planes For Japanese

Burbank, Calif., Jan. 17.

The assignment of Six P2V7 Neptune planes to Japanese defence forces was announced here today by US Navy officials.

The planes which are being handed over under the mutual defence assistance programme, will be used for anti-submarine patrol and reconnaissance over Japanese waters.

The craft will be equipped with the latest detection devices and armament for use against possible submarine marauders.

The first will be delivered late this month at the naval air station at Alameda, California. Japanese flyers will join United States personnel in ferrying the planes to Japan.—Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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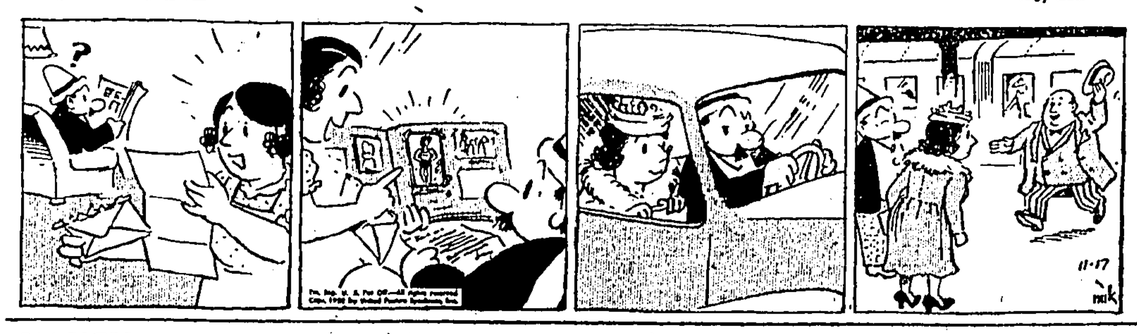

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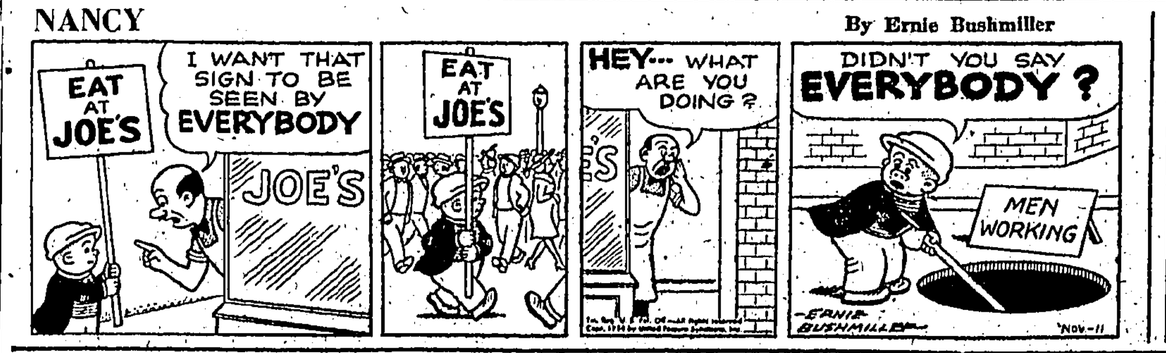

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Jan. 17.

Rubber futures today closed 45 to 95 points higher with sales of 543 contracts

Prices rebounded when an overnight accumulation of selling, prompted by lower cables, was absorbed.

Speculative short covering joined with a dealer demand in bringing a rapid recovery. Most of the business was centred in the May delivery, where 318 of the 543 lots traded were done.

Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 41½ cents. Futures:

March	41.30
May	38.20
July	37.05
September	36.00
December	34.70

SINGAPORE

The market was weak on lower overseas' advices and liquidation. It was slightly steadier toward the close on short covering. Futures

No 1 rubber per lb Feb.	111½-111¾
Mar.	110⅞-111⅛
April	unquoted
No 2 rubber per lb Feb	110½-111
No 3 rubber per lb Feb	110-110½
No 4 rubber per lb Feb	106-107
Spot rubber unbaled	111½-111¾
Blanket crepe	92½-94½
No 1 pale crepe	122½-123½

LONDON

The market was steadier after easier with spot at 32⅜ pence per lb. Prices:

No 1 Rss spot	32¼-32½
Settlement house term	
Feb.	32¼-32⅜
Mar.	32⅛-32⅜
April/June	31½-31⅝
July/Sept	30⅝-30½
Oct./Dec.	29¾-29⅞
General markets cif basis ports	
Jan.	32¼-32½
Feb.	32⅛-32⅜
Estate crepe	unquoted

AMSTERDAM

The market was easy today. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Feb. as follows:

No 1 rubber	3.15 nom
No 2 rubber	3.10 nom
No 3 rubber	3.05 nom
No 1 crepe	3.45 nom

—United Press

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 17.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged with sales of 37 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 234 contracts.

Dealings in world futures lacked a special feature, while trade interest operated on both sides of the domestic contract. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

March	3.25
May	3.26
July	3.20
Sept.	3.20
Spot—(cents per lb fob Cuba)	3.26

Contract No. 6

March	5.39
May	5.43
July	5.49
Spot.	5.49
Nov.	5.50
Spot—(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.40

—United Press.

Wheat Futures Lower In Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 17.

Moisture over parts of the winter wheat area brought lower prices to wheat futures on the Board of Trade today.

Weather forecasts indicated additional snow or rain for winter wheat states during the next 36 hours.

The action in wheat brought liquidation into rye futures, while corn and oats felt pressure from slow cash demand and hedge-selling, soybeans were hit by profit-taking.

Exporters reported sales today of a fair amount of wheat to Israel and along with a moderate quantity of soybeans to Formosa.

Egypt is scheduled to receive offerings of 980,000 tons of wheat after the close today from the United States, Canada, Australia, France and Argentina.

Wheat closed off 1⅜ to 2⅛ cents; soybeans new off 1⅛ to 2⅜ cents.

CLOSING PRICES

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red			
Spot			123n
Mar	210½(1)	208⅞(1)	208⅞-209
May			208⅞
July			196⅝-¾
Sept			198¾
Nov			202¼
Corn No. 2, yellow			
Spot			127n
Mar			129⅜-¼
May			132⅜-⅜
July			135⅞-¾
Sept			135⅝
Nov			133
Rye			
Mar			119¾-½
May			119½-120
Oats			
Mar			64-63⅞
May			63⅝
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow			
Spot			246
Jan			—
Mar			—
May			—
July			—
Sept			—
Barley			
Spot			130-140n
New York flour			
200 lb sack			$13.50n

WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, Jan. 17

Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats	
May	73
July	71
Oct	69⅝
Rye	
May	106⅞
July	107⅞
Oct	105⅞
Barley	
May	368¼
July	352¾
Oct.	321
Flaxseed	
May	368¼
July	352⅞
Oct.	321

Wheat, No. 3, northern, 161⅝ cents; No. 5, 122 cents.

—United Press.

Economic Developments In 1956

YEAR OF ENHANCED PROSPERITY

London, Jan. 17.

Barring unforeseen developments, 1956 should be a year of enhanced economic prosperity.

The governments and the financial authorities in the United States, Britain, West Germany, Canada and many other countries have taken steps to put their prosperity on a firmer basis.

Nineteen fifty-five has been a boom year, but "too good." The zoom brought over-demand and over-strain, which threatened to create a new inflation. As these dangers are being checked by monetary controls, 1956 may come nearer to being "just right."

For sheer physical reasons the growth of industrial output seems bound to slacken, particularly in the United States and West Germany. Productive capacity and raw materials simply are not availble for 1956 to record gains as big as those of 1955

Softer Spots

But any further gains should be on a much sounder basis

In at least two industries—motors and building—the New Year may actually fall below the old one Those prospective "softer spots" can be regarded as deliberately contrived by official policy so as to create the margin needed to remove the inflationary over-strain. They should strengthen rather than weaken world business as a whole.

Some slackening in the pressure of demand for industrial raw materials would be desirable and is probable. At the turn of the year the demand for steel, newsprint, copper, nickel, aluminium and a host of other materials was too big and threatened to create costly bottlenecks.

The slackening, if any, may hardly do more than reduce the degree of over-strain. There is no sign of it going to the length of too little demand and still less of any slump.

Constantly Confounded

Dollar developments are highly auspicious for the non-Communist world. All indications are that the American boom is to be kept going, at least until the Presidential election in November. If this requires any contrivance, it can be provided easily enough by tax cuts and by an easier money policy.

Politically, Americans will be tempted to overdo their boom. Even so, a highly prosperous 1956 will not necessarily mean a deluge after the November elections. Sceptics and cynics about American stability and prosperity have been constantly confounded in recent years.

If businessmen and consumers start worrying about a possible future deluge the prospects will be all the better for avoiding one. The danger and the difficulty for governments has been over-confidence.

Caution would mean less danger of speculative excess in the short run and of their aftermath in the long run.

Tide Turned

Almost unnoticed the dollar shortage has become a thing of the past. In the past five years the rest of the world has gained almost $10,000 million from the United States and at least $2,000 million of newly-mined gold.

The dollar tide turned at the beginning of 1951 and has stayed turned.

Normally, Britain would have got the lion's share of this huge outpouring of dollars, but she has not done so.

There are reasons for supposing that she may be about to fare better in this respect. Meanwhile, the dollar reserves of West Germany, France, Italy, Japan and indeed almost every country, except Britain, have been doing remarkably well.

The world supply of dollars is likely to remain good. In the third quarter of 1955, for which the statistics have just been issued, it reached a new high record and shows little sign of slackening.

Farm Surpluses

In most countries money is likely to be kept tight until it has done its job of throttling inflation. In Britain and several other countries profits are likely to be squeezed. But this does not necessarily mean a slump in stock exchange prices.

A healthy stock exchange requires a healthy economy and the price of making it healthy is worth paying for investors as for all other people.

Wheat and cotton and the other farm surpluses are likely to have another difficult year.

No solution of their root problem is in sight, at least until after the American Presidential election. But the governments of the countries concerned will struggle hard and probably successfully to avoid disruption of either the internal or the international markets.

Little Danger

There is little danger that farm surpluses will touch off any world depressions in the way that they sometimes did in the past. This time, to a large extent, they are a problem of American politics rather than world economics.

National and international politics will continue to influece business. The United States and West Germany have solve the problem of the Eisenhower and Adenauer successions. Britain is only now completing the adjustments to the Churchill succession.

Internal economic strains may continue to influence Russia's external policies. The harvest in the Iron Curtain countries seems to have fallen short of earlier expectations.

Over-riding all short-term difficulties, the world seems to be embarked on a new industrial revolution, based on automation and the prospects of atomic energy and other technological advances.

Replaced

In an expanding universe adjustments are more easily made. When any sector becomes over-extended it only has to wait a little for the other sectors to catch up.

So the previous alternations of "boom" and "bust" seem to have been replaced by alternations only of racing and pausing and even the pauses tend to be brief.

TIGHTER MONEY POSITION

Chicago, Jan. 17.

Banks are in a tighter money position now than at any time since the "bank holiday" of 1932, Mr George S. Moore, executive vice-president of the First National City Bank of New York, said today.

Mr Moore opened the eighth National Credit Conference conducted by the Credit Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association.

Bankers, he said, have been forced "to lay down more reasonable and realistic conditions" for amounts and terms of loans, and to decline unmerited credit demands.

Demand deposits are lower than the banking industry anticipated, Mr Moore said, and savings deposits are lagging. Loans rose about $12,000,000 during 1955, and many banks are near or approaching their policy loan limits, Mr Moore said.—United Press.

Possibility Of An All-Butyl Tyre

New York, Jan. 17.

Petroleum Week Magazine held out the possibility of an all-butyl tyre with wearing qualities longer than any other synthetic or natural rubber tyre.

Key basic ingredients going into butyl rubber are petroleum derived, and oil companies are among the leaders in the experimental race to perfect this vulcanised rubber polymer.

A prototype of the new tyre already is in pilot-plant production and road tests, the Magazine noted, show it wears better than other types, has soft riding tendencies and maintains the same air-holding tendencies that made butyl the number one rubber for inner tubes.

Most US rubber companies are now doing some research with butyl, the Magazine noted.

Research

"The intensified research programme is designed to eliminate some difficulties in the present butyl rubber before a commercial tyre is developed," the Magazine said.

"Because of its physical characteristics, butyl rubber will not combine easily with other rubber, and it also presents some special problems in adhesion. And, like most hydro-carbon rubbers, its resistance to oil is only fair, though it is extremely resistant to most commonly destructive acids.

"Butyl's strongest point—the fact that it is both highly flexible and highly resistant to oxidation—is inherent in the nature of the polymer.

100 Applications

"While a commercial butyl tyre may be at least one and possibly several years in the future, the research laboratories already have found butyl highly suitable for a growing number of applications in the mechanical-goods, fabric coating, and electrical-insulation fields."

In an auto, these new uses include more than 100 different applications such as shock absorbers, window seals, radiator hose and foot pedal covers.—United Press.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Jan. 17.

Cotton futures today slumped almost $5 a bale in the widest break for any session in 8⅓ months.

In a broadscale selling drive at the close, the market plummeted to the day lows, finishing with net losses of 47 to 94 points. Opening prices were up 10 to off 4 points. New Orleans closed off 89 to 85 points.

At the opening, the nearby March contract rose to 34.75 cents a pound, establishing a new high early last March, then backtracked $2.50 a bale from the peak.

Sellers said they were confused over some aspects of farm legislation proposals, including an aggressive programme for selling cotton overseas at competitive prices, and a bill permitting shippers to make substitutions on grades and quantities against export cotton purchased from the government surplus stock.

Technicians thought the privilege to make substitution from private stocks for CCC cotton might result in the tender of lower grades, or result in added hedge selling on the contract market.

The certificated stock overnight declined 472 bales to 16,480 bales.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
March	19,000	333,200
May	32,300	510,600
July	27,600	278,600
Oct.	9,300	106,200
Dec.	6,600	173,000
Mar.	2,700	59,700
May	4,500	26,100
July	500	500
Total	105,400	1,502,000 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.80n
Mar.	34.04
May	33.44-45
July	32.17-16
Oct.	30.31-34
Dec.	30.06
Mar.	30.05
May	29.75
July	29.70

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.79
Mar.	34.03
May	33.49
July	32.20
Oct.	30.41
Dec.	30.19
Mar	30.10
May	29.90
July	—

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
March/April	24.90
May/June	24.15
July/Aug.	23.75
New contract	
May/June	28.94
July/Aug.	27.20
Oct./Nov.	25.40
Dec./Jan.	24.80
Egyptian Karnak	
Jan./Feb.	43.37

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March	28.30
May	28.10
July	28.05
October	29.40
December	30.10

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was unavailable today. Sales totalled 37,111 bales.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Jan. 17.

New York	2.80.11/16-2.80¾
Montreal	2.80.3/16-2.80¼
Amsterdam	10.61⅝-10.61¾
Brussels	139.70-139.72½
Copenhagen	19.31⅝-19.32
Frankfurt	11.75⅝-11.75¾
Milan	1751-1751½
Paris	985½-985¾
Stockholm	14.53½-14.53¾
Zurich	12.24⅞-12.25

Others were unchanged.

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Jan. 17.

England official	[illegible]
" 30-day futures	2.80⅛
" 90-day futures	2.79¾
Argentina	[illegible]
Uruguay	[illegible]

Others were unchanged.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local [illegible] exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per $1)	[illegible]
[illegible] (per £1)	[illegible]
[illegible] (per £1)	[illegible]
[illegible] (per 100)	18.10
[illegible] (per 100)	[illegible]
Singapore (Straits)	1.[illegible]

US Dollar Rate Drops

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17.

Foreign exchange speculators took a beating today when the US dollar nose-dived in the free market from yesterday's closing of 45.75 pesos per dollar—an all-time high—to 38.50 pesos in a few hours.

The drop appeared due to a buyer's "strike" against the record quotation. For some hours, brokers would only sell and not buy dollars, as the quotation sagged.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $890,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1755	1775	5 @ 1760
INSURANCES			
Union			3 @ 905
			2 @ 905
Lombard	57		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	68	70	
Dock	32¾		500 @ 33.20
Provident (O)	15.20	15.40	1000 @ 15.30
Wheelock			500 @ 8.25
			2500 @ 8.20
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel	17.30	17½	
HK Land	62	62½	600 @ 62.50
Realty	1.90	1.975	
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.90	1.975	3200 @ 1.95
UTILITIES			
Tram	24.20	24.40	1000 @ 24.30
Y'mati Ferry	106		
C. Lights (O)	22.80	22½	
Electric	43¼	43¾	2000 @ 43½
Macao Elec	0.30		2000 @ 0.40
" (N)	0.20		250 @ 0.30
Telephone	32¾	33	1000 @ 33
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	30¼	30¾	100 @ 30½
Rope	15		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	18.80	19	2500 @ 18.90
Watson	13.10	13.30	2200 @ 13.10
			1000 @ 13.20
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	5.60	5.65	
Nanyang		8	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	5.65		
Allied	5.45		

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 18.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.85
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	44/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	30/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.80
Fraser & Neave Ltd. 7½% cum. pref.	$0.85
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$939
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7/9d
Kempas Ltd.	$2.05
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$4.15
Malayan Breweries	$3.50
New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.97
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$4.25
Raffles Hotel	$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.60
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$27.50
Straits Trading	$27.00
Straits Steamship	$12.85
United Engineers Ord.	$9.00
Wearne Bros.	$2.90

—China Mail Special.

London Stock Prices Steady

London, Jan. 17.

Prices on the London Stock Exchange steadied today after a lower opening.

Most industrials recovered their early losses on short covering, with some finishing a bit higher. A good earnings and dividend report boosted Woolworth Ltd.

Most traders felt the Prime Minister Eden's speech tomorrow will not bring any new incentive into the market.

A £1¼ drop in Royal Dutch paced an easier and active oil group. British Petroleum lost 1s 3d.

Copper shares favoured the downside with Rhodesian Selection Trust and Roan Antilope the biggest losers.

Gold shares lost some ground on overseas selling despite some good earnings reports.

German and Japanese issues held about unchanged with one or two exceptions.—United Press.

Good Company News Boosts NY Market

New York, 17.

A heavy ration of good news—topped by the $64.50 offering price for the Ford stock sale—bolstered the market today.

Auto stocks, steels, non-ferrous metals, rails all were in demand and gains at the close ranged over a point in some leaders.

The big steel industry's expansion and General Motors' billion dollar improvement plans were a force on the upside.

General Motors and Chrysler each ran up over a point, with GM the day's most active issue. In Toronto a lively market developed over-the-counter for Ford shares, traded on a when-issued basis and quoted around $68½, bid, $69 asked.

Over-the-counter trading in the United States could not begin until the Securities and Exchange Commission registration became effective late in the day. Initially, dealers in the New York Stock Exchange quoted the new Ford stock at $68¼ bid, $69 asked.

Light Activity

Activity today was the lightest since Dec. 28, with turnover totalling only 2,050,000 shares, compared with 2,260,000 yesterday.

Industrial shares averaged $1.49 points higher, rails 0.32 higher and utilities 0.07 lower.

Steels, hard hit in yesterday's share-pushing, came back well with Bethlehem and US Steel each up around a point.

Non-ferrous metals were in demand.

Of 1,177 issues traded, 524 were higher, 389 lower.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,880,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 680,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	477.73
20 rails	158.09
15 utilities	63.08
65 stocks	169.03
40 bonds	98.75
Comm. future price index	150.83
Moody's index	402.60

Closing Prices

Allen Inc. Acy.	$ 21½
Allied Chemicals	111¼
Allied Mills Inc.	34¾
Allis Chalmers	67⅛
American Airline	23⅛
American Cyanamide Co.	64⅛
Am. Mach. & F dry	25⅛
American Metal	59⅝
American Smelting	48⅝
Am. Sugar Ref.	94⅛
American Tel & Tel	180⅜
American Tob. "B"	80⅛
Anaconda Copper	69⅛
Armco Steel	50⅜
Armour	16¾
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	14¾
Baltimore & Ohio	46
Bendix Aviation Corp.	51⅝
Benguet Cons.	1⅞
Bethlehem Steel	156⅝
Boeing Airplane	75⅛
Borden (The) Co.	64⅛
Burroughs Add Machine	29⅞
Canadian Pacific R.	34
Case (J.I.) Co.	17¼
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	46
Cat. Tractor	68⅛
Celanese Corp.	19⅝
Chase Manhat. Bank (asked)	53⅛
Chrysler Motors	81⅛
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	63
Commercial Credit	51⅛
Commonwealth Elec.	43⅛
Consolidated Edison	48⅝
Continental Oil of Del.	99
Continental Steel	36½
Corn Products	28¾
Crane Co.	37
Crown Zellerbach	56½
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16⅛
Curtis Wright	29
Diamond Alkali	47¼
Dow Chemicals	58⅛
Dupont de Nemours	223¾
Eastman Kodak	79⅜
El Paso National Gas	48⅛
Erie Railroad	21⅛
Family Finance Corp.	24⅛
General Electric	55⅛
General Foods	91
General Motors	44⅛
Gen. Pub. Util.	35¼
Gillette Safety Razor	43⅛
Glidden Co.	38⅛
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	82⅛
Goodyear Tire	63⅛
Heyden Chemical	18¼
Homstake Mining Co.	35¾
Ingersoll-Rand	84⅛
Inland Steel Co.	62⅛
Interchemical Corp.	60¼
Int'l Business Machines	402¼
Int'l Harvester	37⅛
International Nickel	82⅛
International Paper	114¾
Int'l Tel & Tel	31⅛
John-Manville Co.	85⅛
Kansas C. Power & Light	39
Kennecott Copper	119⅞
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	70⅝
Lockheed Aircraft	50⅛
Loews Incrop.	20⅛
Long Star Cement Co	69⅜
Louisville & Nashville R.	68¼
Lowenstein & Sons.	28¼
Mesabi Iron Corp.	44
Minnesota Mining	107
Mission Development	31¼
Monsanto Chemical Co.	45¼
Montgomery Ward	89⅛
Motorola Inc.	46
National Cash Reg. "A"	38¾
National Dairy Prod.	37¼
National Distillers	23¾
National Lead	81⅛
National Steel Corp.	66⅛
New York Central	42⅛
Olin Mathieson	53⅛
Otis Elevators	74
Owen-Illinois Glas	63¾
Pacific Gas & Elec.	48⅛
Pacific Western Oil	43⅛
Pan American Airways	17⅛
Paramount Pictures	33⅛
Parke Davis Co.	44⅛
Penny J. C. Co.	98
Penn. Salt Co.	48⅞
Philip Morris	48⅛
Philips Petroleum	85¼
Procter & Gamble Co.	98
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	75⅝
Publicker Industries	8¼
Pure Oil	40¼
Radio Corporation	44⅛
Republic Steel	46¾
Reynolds Metal	63⅛
Shell Oil Co.	68
Saint Reg. Paper	43⅛
Sinclair Oil	57¼
Socony Vacuum	64⅛
South Porto Rico Sugar	27⅛
Southern National Gas	34¾
Southern Railway (Com.)	101
Standard Brands	42
Standard Oil of Cal.	80⅛
Standard Oil of Ind.	50⅛
Standard Oil of N.J.	149
Sterling Drug Co.	54⅛
Stokely-Van Camp.	19¾
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	9⅛
Swift & Co.	47¼
Texas Co.	124¾
Tide Water Asm. Oil	35⅛
Twenty Century Fox Film	23⅛
Union Carbide	108
Union Pacific Railway	180
United Aircraft	87
U.S. Line Co.	33¼
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Double Or Quits

A LONDONER was playing an Irishman at snooker. It was their second game of the evening. The Londoner had won the first, which was played for a 5s. stake.

"We'll make it double or quits this time," the Irishman suggested. The Londoner, a tall, handsome, young tailor named Arthur, agreed.

One of Arthur's friends, who was watching, shared his confidence. "Hey, Paddy," he called to the Irishman, "I'll bet you 5s. he beats you." Paddy accepted the side-bet.

A CLOSE GAME

THE game was a close one. Everything finally depended on Arthur's last shot at the black ball. Carefully, he took aim.

What happened after that is a little vague. All that is quite certain is that a few minutes later, in the street outside the snooker saloon, Arthur punched the Irishman on the jaw and the Irishman gave him into the charge of a policeman.

At Bow Street, Arthur pleaded not guilty to an assault causing actual bodily harm. And the Irishman went into the witness-box to describe the game's ending to Mr Bertram Reece.

NOT A FIGHTING MAN

"IT was the black ball to win," he said, "and when Arthur missed, that left the game to me. But he threw down his cue on the table and claimed he'd hit the black and was the winner.

"His mate wanted to fight me to get the 5s. from me, but I said I wasn't a fighting man.

"So he gets me by the throat, and I didn't know what to do in the meantime. Then Arthur said he wouldn't let me leave the hall till I'd given him 10s."

Lesser men, held by the throat and surrounded by threats, might have been dismayed and have given up hope. But the Irishman was thinking fast.

"Listen," he managed to gasp. "Set up the balls and we'll play that last shot again."

AN INCH CUT

ARTHUR and his supporter returned to the table to set up the balls again. The Irishman, charmed that his ruse had worked so well, made a bolt for the door and reached the street.

It is best to let the Irishman take up the tale from there.

"I got to the streets," he said, "and the red light was against me crossing. Next thing, Arthur was up behind me and punching me on the jaw . . ."

"He punched you on the jaw from behind?" the magistrate inquired.

"That's right," said the Irishman. "An inch cut he give me. Then I went for the police."

A SEVERE BLOW

A YOUNG doctor told, in precise medical terms, of treating the Irishman's injury.

Arthur went into the witness-box. He said, in effect, that the Irishman had given him a push and that his blow had been a logical answer to such a liberty.

"You don't, as a citizen, as a sensible person, think you can conduct this sort of matter with a punch on the jaw, do you?" the magistrate asked.

"The doctor says this injury was caused by a severe blow with a fist or something harder. I'm satisfied this case is proved."

He heard that there were previous convictions against Arthur—three for larceny, one for a gambling offence.

He fined the young tailor £5 and ordered him to pay £3 13s. 6d. costs for the doctor's services.

"But . . ." Arthur began. There was a momentary hope in his eyes, as if he were about to suggest that the case should be heard again on the sporting terms of double or quits.

But he refrained, and went away with a sigh to pay the high price of putting up a black instead of potting one.

LONGTERM US AID PROGRAMME

ADMINISTRATION OPENS CAMPAIGN

Washington, Jan. 17.

The Eisenhower administration today began its campaign to win congressional approval for plans to provide longterm foreign aid to counter Russian economic penetration of the Middle East and Asia.

Mr Herbert Hoover, Jr, the Under-Secretary of State, spent over two hours with the powerful Senate foreign relations committee discussing the Aswan Dam project in Egypt and the desirability of making longrange commitments in the Middle East and Asia for projects of that kind.

According to a communique issued after the meeting, Mr Hoover told the committee that "Communist blandishments and offers of aid" to many countries in that area tended to obscure the "very grave risks" to their independence.

He added that the Soviet Union was now telling Asians that it would help them to accomplish what the Soviet Union had itself accomplished.

"This Soviet line is largely false and fictitious," he said.

MAJOR PROJECTS

He said the administration wished to extend aid in terms of "major projects" which would catch the imagination of the people of Asia.

The administration case was based on the thesis that longrange planning was necessary to offset the Soviet challenge in under-developed countries, he said. Aid would be for a limited period, not exceeding, for example, 10 years.

The longrange aid plan, proposed by President Eisenhower in his state of the union message to Congress earlier this month, has already aroused powerful opposition in Congress.—Reuter.

Questions To Dulles Unanswered

(Continued from Page 1)

on the Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu by the Communists as an attack on Formosa, now guaranteed by the United States;

2. Whether President Eisenhower had in 1954 concurred in a recommendation by Mr Dulles to bomb South China if the Chinese Communists intervened in the Indo-China war or whether he, Mr Dulles, had ever made such a recommendation, or

3. Whether President Eisenhower agreed, before the signing of a truce in Korea in 1953, to bomb Communist China across the Yalu River border between Korea and Manchuria, if the Communists went on with the Korean war.

Mr Dulles mystified some of the correspondents with his justification for the last threat although he did not confirm that the threat had actually been made.

He used as the justification for this threat, made more than a month before the Korean truce had been signed, a statement drafted by the 16 nations participating in the Korean war for use in connection with the armistice agreement whenever it should come into effect.

LAUGHS NERVOUSLY

This was their statement that if the Chinese Communists were to break the truce and if the war should then be resumed, it might (Mr Dulles used the word "would" today) not be possible to confine it to Korea.

Mr Dulles said today that it was a fair inference that the same thing would have been true if the war would have gone on.

Mr Dulles was unusually tense throughout most of his ordeal by cross examination although he laughed nervously at the opening when the unusually large attendance, packing the aisles of the auditorium, was pointed out to him. —China Mail Special.

Refloated Ship Back In HK

The British 2,940-ton freighter Hongkong Trader, which went aground off Hainan Island recently, was towed in by the Taikoo Dockyard's tug, Taikoo, this morning.

The Hongkong Trader is now moored at Taikoo Dockyard, undergoing a survey.

The Hongkong registered ship was returning from Saigon on New Year's Eve when she stranded on a mud bank. The tug Taikoo, commanded by Captain W. R. Worrall, was sent to help refloat the freighter on January 6.

According to an official of Messrs Hongkong Navigation and Investment Company, owners of the freighter, this morning, the Hongkong Trader was successfully refloated at the third attempt during the week-end.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

A 27-year-old Northerner, Tsui Dick, alias Tsui Tsang-yui, alias Robert Tsui, was remanded for three days by Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning on a charge of robbery by two or more.

Tsui was alleged to have robbed the occupants of No. 2 Lam Fong Road of jewellery and cash to the value of $20,550 together with others on October 19, last year.

HK Soldier Becomes Father Of Triplets

London, Jan. 17.

Triplets were born last night in Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irving, Scotland, to the 17-year-old wife of a British soldier, Bombardier William Attridge, now serving in Hongkong.

The babies were weighed today and are said to be progressing well. They weigh three pounds 15 ounces, three pounds 10¾ ounces, and three pounds 7¼ ounces.

Mrs Hannah Attridge — also said to be progressing favourably — has not yet seen her babies.

Her parents, Mr and Mrs A. Bigham, said today they will seek their son-in-law's return from Hongkong.

Bombardier Attridge was posted there two months ago.

A War Office spokesman said tonight that when the application is made it will be considered on its merits. — China Mail Special.

ASTOUNDED

Bombardier Attridge who is serving with 27 Light Battery at New Farm, N. T., said this morning that he was astounded —he had anticipated twins.

The Bombardier, who has not heard from his wife for a few months, said he had been trying to get home for some time, but so far his request had not been granted.

Three Women Victimised

Four cases of larceny from the person in Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday. A gold ear-ring was stolen from a Chinese woman walking in Taipo Road at 3.16 p.m. A suspect has been detained.

A Chinese woman had her wristlet watch, valued at $20, and $10 in cash stolen by another Chinese woman in Wah Shan Street, Shumshuipo.

A pickpocket stole $12 in cash from a man on the hillside near Shek Kip Mei. A suspect has been detained in connection with this offence. A gold ring, valued at $20, was snatched from a Chinese woman in Shun Ning Road, also in the Shamshuipo district.

The Police have detained a man in connection with the snatching of a wristlet watch, valued at $40, from a Chinese woman in Beech Street, in the Mongkok district, on Monday, January 16.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Don't ask me, Miriam! I've decided it's easier to get to work on time than to be forever thinking up excuses for being late!"

ALLEGED FORGED DOCUMENTS

Witness Describes Raid On Factory

Evidence of a Police raid on a factory and the arrest of the accused there was given before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning in the trial of a merchant charged with uttering forged documents with intent to defraud.

The accused is Li Chak-chi, alias George Lee, 31, described as proprietor of the Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co. He was alleged to have uttered two forged imperial preference certificates on March 1 and March 30, last year, in connection with the export of handkerchiefs to Rhodesia.

Li is defended by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Lau, Chan and Ko. Mr J. Bodilly, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

Chan Kai-yim, interpreter attached to the Commercial Crimes Branch, Police Headquarters, gave evidence this morning that, in answer to the charge, accused stated that when he despatched the imperial preference certificates, he did not know they were forged, because they were supplied to him by the Wah Shing Weaving Factory.

Detective Sub-Inspector F. G. Jenkins, of the Commercial Crimes Branch, testified that about 10.45 a.m. on August 18, last year, he executed a search warrant at 15 Yuen Chau Street, Kowloon, the premises of Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co.

He enquired as to who was in charge of the factory. The accused, who was present, identified himself as the proprietor.

QUESTIONED ACCUSED

Witness said that while the members of the Police party searched the premises, he questioned the accused and took a statement from him through a detective sergeant, who acted as interpreter. The accused appeared to understand a little English.

As a result of what the accused told him, DSI Jenkins went on, he cautioned him. Accused then elected to write down a statement in Chinese. When this was done, he told the accused he was arresting him on a charge of uttering forged documents.

Witness said he took possession of a number of documents found in the premises during the search. He took the accused and those documents back with him to the Commercial Crimes office, where he charged accused later the same day.

Cross-examining, Mr Chan showed witness one of the certificates. Witness agreed with him that that was handed to him by Mr McGregor of the Commerce and Industry Department some time before accused was arrested.

ALTERATIONS

Questioned further, DSI Jenkins said there had been some alterations made on that document. He did not send the document to the Identification Bureau for examination. He did not send to the Bureau any of the documents involved in the present case.

Mr Chan asked if the position was that he did not send the document to the Bureau because he was satisfied that all the typewritten words on it came from one typewriter. Witness said this aspect of the matter did not occur to him.

Witness agreed that his case was that, according to the information at his disposal, someone other than the accused actually forged the two imperial preference certificates which accused was alleged to have uttered.

Hearing is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.55, Students Guide—Interviews by Sita Mead (Recorded London Relay); 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Going to the Pictures. In which a panel of critics review pictures currently showing in Hongkong with Audrey Mendes in the chair; 7.30, "Time for Jazz" with Robin Bay (Studio); 8, Honour Roll of Hits—1926 & 1927; 8.30, Your Radio Concert Hall. Jerome Hines (bass-baritone) with Howard Barlow and the Chorus and Orchestra; 9, Time Signal. Wednesday Theatre. "The Man Who Murdered Himself" (Recorded). A Radio Play by Lionel Brown. Cast: Dr Howard—John Young. Sir George Warburton — Eric O'Neil Shaw. Hilary Warburton — Audrey Mendes. Professor Allenby — Roger Needell. Doctor Clayton — Robert Scott. Butler — Neville Evans. Produced for the Garrison Players by Reggie Glanville; 9.40, The Melachrino Orchestra; 10, London Studio Melodies (BBCTS), Ray Martin and his Orchestra, with the Coronets and Dave Shand; 10.30, Music of the Twentieth Century, Rhumba (from "Latin-American Symphonette") (Morton Gould). Suite Elizabethaine (Jacques Ibert); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2, Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Wednesday Concert — "Prometheus Overture" (Beethoven); 3.45, Bleak House—By Charles Dickens; 4, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 4.45, Dossier on Dumetrius; 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Val; 5.30, Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty; 5.55, Birthday Mailbag; 6, Music from Germany; 6.30, Musical quiz with prizes for lucky winners; 6.45, Shadows of Doubt; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.09, Weather Report and Announcements; 7.15, Billy May and his Orchestra; 7.30, Landmarks of London; Personality Parade—Jo Stafford; 8.15, Luton Girls Choir; 8.30, Diamond Music Show; 9, This is Paris; 9.30, Brylcreem's Pot O'Gold; 10, Masters of Melody; 10.30, Music from the Champagne Room; 11, Date with Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 midnight, "God Save the Queen." Close down.

WOMEN ROBBED

A Chinese woman was accosted by two men in Gloucester Road yesterday afternoon and robbed of a gold bracelet and a wristlet watch. The thieves escaped.

A suspect was subsequently detained by the Police.

A purse, containing $70 in cash, was stolen from a Chinese woman passenger on a bus in Wongneichong Road yesterday afternoon.

Landlord Says Tenant Invited Him To Sue Her

A landlord seeking to recover his flat from a woman tenant complained before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Chief Justice, this morning that whenever he approached her for rent she would say "Sue me."

The landlord, Ming Sien-cheung, merchant of 11A Kin Wah Street, first floor, was the plaintiff in an action in the Supreme Court against the tenant, Mrs Wong Chien Yuan-phng.

Represented by Mr T. Y. Yang (instructed by Mr F. H. B. Wong) Ming asked for possession of the ground floor of 11a, Kin Wah Street, North Point, arrears of rent and mesne profits.

According to his claim he let the premises to Mrs Wong for a rent of $550 a month payable in advance and the tenancy was terminated by a notice to quit expiring on September 30, 1955.

Plaintiff also claimed that Mrs Wong had sublet without his consent and that the premises, being a new building, came within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

EMPTY BUILDING

Ming said in evidence that the site was previously a hill and building started at the beginning of 1948. He bought the four-storey building from Mr Lee Sai-wah and Mr Ho Chan in November, 1948. At that time no one had moved in.

Plaintiff produced the deed of assignment and a domestic permit issued by the Building Authority to the architect.

He said that when Mrs Wong saw him in June last about renting the ground floor she said that she would occupy the whole of it with her four children. The terms were rent in advance at $550 a month and a deposit equal to one month's rent. Both sums were paid by Mrs Wong and receipts were issued.

NOTICE TO QUIT

Ming said that he decided to end the tenancy because of the difficulty in collecting rent. Mrs Wong asked him to sue her whenever he asked for rent and his solicitors had to send her a letter demanding rent. Eventually he instructed them to send her a notice to quit.

He claimed that the August 1955 rent was paid on the last day of that month and after that no more rent was paid. He maintained that nothing was said about subletting.

In the cross-examination, Mrs Wong said that the first thing she said to the landlord was that she intended to sublet.

The case is proceeding.

4 HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Four persons, including a five-year-old boy, were injured in traffic accidents yesterday and early this morning.

A pedestrian suffered facial injuries when he was knocked down by a tramcar in Johnston Road, near Fleming Road. The injured man was taken to hospital, but was not detained.

A five-year-old boy sustained head injuries in a collision with a tram car in Main Street West, Shaukiwan. The boy received treatment in hospital but was not detained.

In Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, a pedal cyclist collided with an elderly man who was crossing the roadway. The pedestrian sustained injuries and is detained in hospital.

At 1.55 a.m. today, a private motor car collided with a pedestrian who was running across Shanghai Street at its junction with Latchikok Road. The man, who sustained serious injuries, was removed to hospital, where he is now detained.

ALLEGED GAMING HOUSE

The manager and two assistant managers of a billiards saloon were charged before Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning with assisting in running a common gaming house.

The defendants, who were remanded for a week on bail of $500 each, were King Po-yin, 46, manager in charge of the Hoover Billiards Saloon; Mui Kai-wah, 31, and Ching Siu-nam, 46, assistant managers of the saloon.

Alleged Import Licence Offences

Charged with permitting another person to use an import licence issued to him, Cho Cheuk-ng, 32, merchant, was remanded for a week on $2,000 bail by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Cho was represented by Mr J.M. d'Almada Remedios, of Messrs J.M. D'Almada Remedios and Co.

He was alleged to have permitted Cho Ho to use an import licence without the consent of the Director of Commerce and Industry.

Another defendant, Cho Ho, 36, a broker, was remanded for a week on two charges of importing a specific article without a licence and using a licence issued to another person without the consent of the Director of Commerce and Industry.

He was alleged to have imported rubber tyres.

He was allowed $3,000 bail.

Court Grants Order

An order nisi of certiorari was granted this morning by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice James Wicks this morning to Mr Richard Winter who appeared for Ho Ho, a doctor of medicine.

Ho, a doctor with the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Association applied for an order of certiorari to remove into the Supreme Court and to quash an order by the Magistrate, Mr J. E. Durling on October 21, 1955 refusing a reversal of pleas to charges of possession of Penicillin and Part 1 poison.

When the application came up again this morning after having been adjourned from Monday, Mr Justice Gregg declared that the Full Court was satisfied that it was a case where certiorari might lie and they were prepared to grant an order nisi returnable on a date to be fixed so that they could hear arguments by Mr Winter and by the Crown.

ON CORRUPTION CHARGE

Lai Wai-hong, 32, General Clerical Service Class III, residing at 39 Hau Wong Road, second floor, was remanded for two days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of corruption.

He was represented by Mr K. Y. Yung, of Messrs F. Zimmern and Co.

He was alleged to have corruptly offered to Police Sub-Insp. Guy Arthur Dudley Rich, $310, as an inducement for Insp. Rich and others to forbear taking action against a street gambling school.

Magistrate Warns Heroin Smoker

"You are killing yourself if you smoke heroin," remarked Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central this morning when he bound over 36-year-old Kwan Wing in $450 for one year for possession of a packet of heroin.

Kwan pleaded that he had been very ill and had recovered recently after having taken heroin. He was arrested yesterday in First Street with the packet of heroin.

ON THE RECORD by John Dell

Maybe it hasn't occurred to you that even the most famous of recording stars can sometimes flop when appearing before an audience.

Recently reports on such top-notchers as Vic Damone and Hildegarde mention one or two things which could not have pleased the star concerned and it seems strange to realise that the big names quite often get out on stage and perform to only a few people for only a little applause.

There is, of course a great deal of difference between singing your song in a recording studio, with the band all relaxed and the knowledge that you can always do it again if something goes wrong and the atmosphere in a night club or theatre when you have an audience who have paid money to see and hear you and want their money's worth. You have got to look good and sound good and if you don't then you lose a lot of the prestige you may have built up with a few good records. It's not always easy for the big names but then we mustn't feel too sorry for them. After all they do get one great big pile of money for almost everything they do.

THE BIG THREE

As a matter of interest the three labels which sell most LP records in the States are RCA, Columbia and Capitol. This result is based on a survey conducted among the record dealers of America who were asked to name the record label which, as far as their shop was concerned, sold the most.

Another point emerging from the survey is the increasing demand for classical music and the recent emergence of LP jazz discs as a big sales item is also evident from the report.

It would be interesting to see how the local market reacted to such a survey...and whether classics sell more records than jazz and 'pop' music.

Another thing the report showed. The sale of 'singles' has not dropped off during the past year. Single 45's and 78's looked at one time as though they were rapidly becoming a thing of the past, but it seems they are not yet destined for the scrap heap. Business in these types of records picked up a bit and I guess as long as there are 'hit' tunes there will be some buyers for the cheap and handy "one tune a side" record.

ODDS AND ENDS

Noel Coward has had a record released recently which should put him on the map a little more firmly in America. It is an LP made during one of his appearances in Las Vegas. He sings most of his favourites and will probably make new friends with this disc, as well as giving his old ones a chance to make their collection a little more compact.

Because an old English law says that the word 'God' must not be used in anything but religious songs a transatlantic phone call was made to Johnny Mann in America. Johnny wrote the words to the song 'Texas Lady' which will be heard in the film with the same name. He solved the problem very quickly by advising the British publishers to change the line "Maybe God has sent her" to "Maybe Fate has sent her". So another world shattering problem was resolved and Les Paul and Mary Ford had to re-record that line for the film and the Capitol disc of the song.

NEW RECORDS

Bill Kenny, the original 'high' voice of the Ink Spots, has started to record again as a solo artist and his latest is "The Flower and the Weed" on one side and, on the other, "Evening Bells". This disc has been put out by the 'K' label, one seldom seen in Hongkong and it is a nice piece of work indeed. The number, in case it should arrive . . . X 176.

Gale Storm is not so well known in this part of the world but she is regarded very highly in America . . . here is a record which shows why.

Miss Storm has recorded two songs which have already been released on other labels and by other singers but she does a wonderful job on both. "Teen Age Prayer" is one and the other is the latest Dean Martin hit, "Memories are Made of This". This disc too may not get into the local market because it is a 'Dot' item. This label has been making great strides in the past year or more and it seems a pity that there is apparently no local agent. The number of this Gale Storm disc is Dot 15346.

One of the best Bing Crosby numbers for a long time is the Mitchell Parish number "Where the Desert and Tall the People Live" which will be released soon and with the Crosby quality the song has been likened in some respects to a Chinese melody. The flip is a bouncy Tin Pan Alley number called "Ain't Cha Glad" and is a real toe-tapper. Both sides are from the film "The Country Girl" in which Bing co-stars with Grace Kelly and William Holden.

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